

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the)	Docket No. 16-057-05
Pass-Through Application)	Docket No. 16-057-06
for Questar Gas Company)	
For Adjustment in Rates)	HEARING
and Charges for Natural)	
Gas Service in Utah.)	Presiding Officer
)	Michael Hammer
In the Matter of the)	
Application of Questar Gas)	CONFIDENTIAL
Company for an Adjustment)	QUESTION REDACTED
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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

3 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: This is the time
4 and place noticed for hearing in the matter of the
5 pass-through application for Questar Gas Company for
6 adjustment in rates and charges for natural gas service
7 in Utah, and in the matter of the application of Questar
8 Gas Company for an adjustment for the daily
9 transportation imbalance charge. Those are commission
10 Dockets No. 16-057-05 and No. 16-057-06, excuse me.

11 My name is Michael Hammer, and I am the
12 commission's designated presiding officer for this
13 hearing. With that, we'll go ahead and take
14 appearances, please, starting with the applicant.

15 MS. CLARK: Thank you. My name is Jennifer
16 Nelson Clark. I am an attorney for Questar Gas Company,
17 and I have with me Kelly Mendenhall. Mr. Mendenhall
18 will be testifying in the transportation imbalance
19 charge docket, the '06 docket.

20 And to his right is Mr. Austin Summers, also
21 representing the company. He will be testifying with
22 regard to the pass-through docket, the '05 docket.

23 MR. JETTER: Good morning. I am Justin
24 Jetter. I represent the Utah Division of Public
25 Utilities, and with me at counsel table is Doug

1 Wheelwright with the Division of Public Utilities.

2 MR. MOORE: Hello, my name is Robert Moore. I
3 am with the Office of Consumer Services. With me is
4 Danny Martinez. He will be testifying to both dockets.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Okay. Thank you,
6 everyone. My instincts tell me it will be simplest,
7 especially given that the company has two different
8 witnesses prepared to testify, to simply hear these in
9 succession.

10 If any other party thinks it would be easier
11 to have the company present both of its witness and the
12 division present its witness and the office present its
13 testimony, I'm happy to hear them out. Otherwise, we'll
14 just do the '05 docket and then proceed to the '06
15 docket.

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Does that make
18 sense to everyone? Okay.

19 MS. CLARK: The company calls Mr. Austin
20 Summers.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Oh, before we get
22 to that, do you want to address your request on Friday
23 to --

24 MS. CLARK: Certainly. The company on Friday
25 filed a number of pleadings. First, a request for

1 withdrawal and refileing of the application. And then it
2 submitted both a redacted and confidential version of
3 the application.

4 The substance of the application is verbatim
5 identical. The purpose of the request was to make
6 confidential some information that was inadvertently
7 left nonconfidential in the initial filing, and so the
8 company would move for the commission to act on that
9 request now.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Is there any
11 objection to the request from any party?

12 MR. MOORE: No objection.

13 MR. JETTER: May I ask counsel just a
14 question?

15 MS. CLARK: Uh-huh.

16 MR. JETTER: We haven't reviewed the filings
17 from the division that may have included information
18 from what you might consider confidential. Are you
19 aware of any in our --

20 MS. CLARK: We undertook to review the
21 commission's memorandum dated May 24th and did not
22 see -- I'm sorry. The division's, I apologize. We
23 reviewed the division's memorandum dated May 24th
24 addressing both dockets for today and did not see that
25 there was any confidential information contained in that

1 memo.

2 MR. JETTER: Thank you. That was the only
3 concern I had. Otherwise, we're happy to have that
4 change made that they have requested to make portions of
5 their initial application confidential.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Understood. Then
7 the request is granted and --

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: -- the commission
10 will endeavor to treat the documents accordingly in its
11 back office.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much. The company
13 now calls Mr. Summers.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Summers, do you
15 prefer to stay seated?

16 THE WITNESS: I'm happy to go wherever you'd
17 like. I'll ask the court reporter.

18 COURT REPORTER: Yeah. I could hear him
19 better if he's up here because the podium's kind of in
20 the way. Thank you.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Summers, do you
22 swear to tell the truth today?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

25 AUSTIN SUMMERS,

1 called as a witness at the instance of the applicant,
2 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
3 as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MS. CLARK:

6 Q. Mr. Summers, can you please state your full
7 name and business address for the record.

8 A. My name is Austin Summers, and my business
9 address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

10 Q. And who is your employer and what position do
11 you hold there?

12 A. I am a -- I work for Questar Gas, and I am --
13 my title is supervisor of regulatory affairs.

14 Q. And did you prepare the application in this
15 matter, or was it prepared under your supervision?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And would you adopt its contents as your
18 testimony today?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Will you summarize for the commission the
21 relief the company seeks with this application?

22 A. Yes. In pass-through Docket No. 16-057-05,
23 Questar Gas Company respectfully asks the Utah Public
24 Service Commission for approval of \$541,698,332 in Utah
25 gas cost coverage.

1 This represents an overall decrease of
2 \$28,581,000. The components of the decrease are, first,
3 a decrease of \$22,118,000 in commodity costs, and
4 second, a decrease of \$6,463,000 in supplier non-gas
5 costs.

6 This request includes an amortization of the
7 commodity portion of the actual March 2016
8 over-collected 191 account balance of 438,115,270 by a
9 17.731 cents per decatherm debit surcharge.

10 The company is also requesting an amortization
11 of under-collected SNG cost. The combination of
12 relatively fixed SNG costs and warm weather caused the
13 SNG balance to be under-collected by \$3,898,025, which
14 leads to the debit amortization charges shown on Exhibit
15 1.6, page 3.

16 The cost of purchased gas was developed using
17 the forecasted gas prices from both PIRA Energy Group
18 and Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

19 If this application is approved, a typical
20 Utah GS customer using 80 decatherms per year would see
21 a decrease of \$21.23, for a total annual decrease of
22 about 3.03 percent.

23 These -- the company believes that these rates
24 represent just -- believes that these rates are just,
25 reasonable and in the public interest. Therefore, we

1 request the decreases proposed in commodity and SNG
2 rates be allowed to go into effect June 1, 2016.

3 MS. CLARK: The company moves -- excuse me.
4 The company moves for the admission of the application
5 and accompanying exhibits.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Any objection?

7 MR. JETTER: No objection.

8 MR. MOORE: No objection.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: They are admitted.

10 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Mr. Summers is now
11 available for any questions.

12 MR. JETTER: No questions from the division.

13 MR. MOORE: No questions from the office.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Summers, are
15 you aware of the notice that the commission issued last
16 Friday? Pardon me, Thursday, May 26th, and there was a
17 question pertaining to a settlement? I think I need to
18 be careful about what I say here, given what's been
19 designated as confidential.

20 But are you prepared to address the question
21 that was asked in that notice last Thursday?

22 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I definitely can address
23 that.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Okay. I'll ask
25 your counsel. Do you think we can have Mr. Summers

1 address that question without delving into confidential
2 material?

3 MS. CLARK: I believe so. The company deems
4 the dollar amounts, the numbers to be confidential, but
5 I think you can address it without speaking those.

6 THE WITNESS: Sure.

7 MS. CLARK: Do you agree? Okay.

8 THE WITNESS: Yeah, the question that came up
9 was regarding the settlement in the lawsuit and the
10 accounting treatment of, of the results and whether or
11 not they should be included as a commodity cost or
12 gathering cost in the pass-through.

13 We included that as a commodity, and the
14 reason that we have included it as a commodity is that
15 it really -- we do think that it should be a commodity
16 cost. When, when the gas is gathered, which is the cost
17 that we are looking at, when the gas is gathered, we
18 have to gather it so that it can be included as a -- so
19 that it can be delivered to an interstate pipeline.

20 And when we include that as a commodity, that,
21 that makes it comparable to when we would buy purchased
22 gas. So purchased gas, when we purchase, it's at the
23 interstate pipeline, and it's already been gathered. So
24 in order to make it a -- an apples-to-apples comparison,
25 we believe that the costs should be a commodity.

1 Now, in the -- the question arose because the
2 costs that are in the pass-through that we have included
3 for gathering have traditionally been an SNG cost. And
4 that's where the question arises.

5 We do believe that it's proper to be included
6 in a commodity, in the commodity piece of it. And going
7 forward, I mean, that's something that needs to be
8 addressed as we're filing these pass-throughs. So going
9 forward, I believe that it would be completely
10 appropriate to leave the rates as we filed them and
11 potentially have a workshop or a technical conference
12 come up, even under this docket, to explore some options
13 on how to go forward with that in the future.

14 I say, I do think it's appropriate to leave
15 the rates as they are, as they were filed in this case
16 going through the summer. There's not a lot of volume
17 that goes through the system, and changing the rates
18 would be a -- it would have a negligible effect on
19 either the commodity or the SNG balances with the
20 volumes that are low in the summer.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you,
22 Mr. Summers. And for our benefit, the notice also
23 included another question on that issue concerning
24 whether the settlement amount was represented in the
25 commodity portion of the 191 account shown in Exhibit

1 1.6, page 1 of 3, Footnote 3.

2 I know it's a highly specific question. But
3 are you prepared to address it today?

4 THE WITNESS: Yeah. So looking at Exhibit
5 1.6, page 1. And you are looking at the commodity
6 portion; is that correct?

7 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Yes.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes. That commodity portion
9 does have the settlement amount included in it.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you,
11 Mr. Summers. That's all I have. And if no party has
12 any cross-examination, I think Mr. Summers can be
13 excused.

14 MS. CLARK: The company has nothing further
15 except to respectfully request that with regard to this
16 docket and the next, court should consider issuing a
17 bench order. We are hopeful to have the rates in effect
18 tomorrow.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: We'll certainly
20 take a recess and take that under consideration.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Jetter?

23 MR. JETTER: Division would like to call and
24 have sworn in Mr. Doug Wheelwright.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Wheelwright, do

1 you swear to tell the truth?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

4 DOUGLAS WHEELWRIGHT,

5 called as a witness at the instance of the Division,

6 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified

7 as follows:

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. JETTER:

10 Q. Good morning, Mr. Wheelwright. Would you
11 please state your name and occupation for the record.

12 A. My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright. I'm a
13 technical consultant with the Division of Public
14 Utilities.

15 Q. Thank you. In the course of your employment,
16 have you had the opportunity to review the application
17 in this docket filed by the commission -- or excuse me,
18 filed by with the company, along with the exhibits that
19 were filed with it?

20 A. Yes, I have.

21 Q. And did you create and cause to be filed with
22 the commission comments dated May 24th, 2016, from the
23 Division of Public Utilities?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. And do you have any corrections or edits you

1 would like to make to this?

2 A. I do have corrections. They are related to
3 the second docket that we will be discussing today. I
4 don't know if you want to correct them now or as we
5 address that second docket.

6 Q. I think because they were combined comments
7 for both dockets, it is probably appropriate to do it in
8 both. Be a little repetitive the second time, but I
9 think just to make sure the record is clear that the
10 same documents will be of record in both.

11 A. The changes that I have refer to page 2 of the
12 memo. There are two changes. The second paragraph
13 refers to the second to the last line, says .07839.
14 Should be corrected to .07955. And the next line down,
15 the 11.9 percent should be corrected to 10.6 percent.

16 And on page 10 of the memo, same, same
17 calculation. The zero on the second paragraph, .07839
18 should be corrected to .07955. Those are the only
19 corrections.

20 Q. Thank you. Do you have a brief statement that
21 you would like to read summarizing the position of the
22 division in this docket?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. Please go ahead.

25 A. Docket No. 16-057-05, known as the 191

1 pass-through application, asks for commission approval
2 for a decrease of 21 -- or \$22.1 million in the
3 commodity component and a \$6.5 million decrease in the
4 supplier non-gas component of the natural gas rates for
5 a net decrease of \$28.6 million.

6 The primary reason for the decrease in the
7 commodity cost is due to the low price of natural gas
8 and the amortization of over-collected balance in the
9 191 account. The over-collection in that account is due
10 to actual natural gas costs in the previous period which
11 were lower than the forecast, and due to the settlement
12 of the litigation with QEP over the system-wide
13 gathering agreement.

14 The reduction in the SNG portion of the rate
15 is due to an estimated over-collection of the \$6.5
16 million based on the current rates. The net effect of
17 the reduction is a 21 cent per decatherm reduction from
18 the previous filing.

19 For the test share, it is anticipated that
20 approximately 57 percent of the total gas requirement
21 will be satisfied from Wexpro cost of service
22 production, and 43 percent will be purchased through
23 existing or future contracts, along with spot market
24 purchase transactions.

25 As part of its audit and review of the 191

1 account, the division is reviewing the calculations and
2 costs associated with the Wexpro operator's service fee
3 in this docket and in previous filings. It is
4 anticipated that a final report will be available within
5 the next 60 days, and any findings will be presented to
6 the commission.

7 If this docket is approved, a typical GS
8 customer would realize a decrease in their annual bill
9 of \$21.23 or a 3.03 percent reduction. The division
10 recommends that the proposed rates be approved on an
11 interim basis until a full audit of the 191 account can
12 be completed, and that concludes my summary.

13 **Q. I just have a few more brief questions**
14 **regarding the notice from the commission on a few issues**
15 **to be discussed today. Do you have an opinion on the**
16 **inclusion of the refund in the way that it's been**
17 **treated accounting-wise by the company including as a**
18 **commodity portion?**

19 A. We reviewed the information presented by the
20 company, including the commodity portion, I believe.
21 The 191 account includes both commodity and SNG costs in
22 that balance.

23 The settlement from QEP is kind of an
24 extraordinary item, not in the normal course of
25 business, and it's our understanding that the return --

1 by leaving the refund in the commodity portion will
2 actually return the over-collection more quickly to rate
3 payers than if it's done through the SNG amortization.
4 So I am in favor of that, returning it more quickly to
5 the rate payers.

6 **Q. Thank you. And one more question.**

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8 (The rest of this question was redacted per
9 stipulation of parties and instruction of the Presiding
10 Hearing Officer.)

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12 MS. CLARK: So if I can just assert an
13 objection. We need to, to the extent that we can on the
14 record, maintain that dollar amount as confidential.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Forgive me,
16 Mr. Jetter. Did you actually use the dollar amount?

17 MR. JETTER: I did. I believe I was just
18 actually reading from the commission's notice.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Right, and it is in
20 the notice, so I'll just ask Mr. Jetter to be mindful of
21 the company's --

22 MR. JETTER: Sure.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: -- concern, and
25 we'll proceed.

1 A. It is my understanding that dollar amount is
2 included in that -- in that balance.

3 **Q. (By Mr. Jetter) Okay. And that wouldn't**
4 **change anything in your --**

5 A. No.

6 **Q. Thank you.**

7 MR. JETTER: I have no further questions.
8 Mr. Wheelwright will be available for cross.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Ms. Clark?

10 MS. CLARK: The company has no questions but
11 would reserve the right to discuss changes to the memo
12 in the 16-05-706 hearing if required.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

14 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Moore?

16 MR. MOORE: No questions.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

18 MR. JETTER: Before Mr. Wheelwright is --
19 stepped down from the stand, I haven't moved yet to
20 enter the comments of the division into the record of
21 this docket, and I would like to do so.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Any objection?

23 MS. CLARK: No.

24 MR. MOORE: No objection.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Okay. They will be

1 received. Thank you. Mr. Moore?

2 MR. MOORE: The office would like to call Dan
3 Martinez to the stand.

4 DANNY MARTINEZ,
5 called as a witness at the instance of the Office of
6 Consumer Services, having been first duly sworn, was
7 examined and testified as follows:

8 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. MOORE:

11 Q. For the record, can you please state your full
12 name, business address and occupation.

13 A. My name is Danny Martinez. I am a utility
14 analyst for the Office of Consumer Services. My
15 business address is 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City,
16 Utah, 84111.

17 Q. In the process of your job, did you have the
18 opportunity to review the application in this case?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Have you had the opportunity to review the May
21 26th, 2016, PSA notice requiring the parties to answer
22 two questions at this hearing?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you have -- do you have those two questions
25 on hand?

1 A. I do.

2 **Q. Will you read and answer the first question**
3 **the commission asked?**

4 A. Sure. With respect to Docket No. 16-057-05,
5 Questar Gas Company, or Questar, proposes using a -- an
6 amount, a refund from the QEP FS slash Tesoro lawsuit
7 relating to the system-wide gathering agreement to
8 reduce rates to customers through commodity
9 amortization.

10 Is it appropriate to apply the refund to
11 commodity amortization rather than supplier non-gas
12 amortization, and if so, why? Is the amount represented
13 in the commodity portion of the 191 shown in Exhibit
14 1.6, page 1 of 3, Footnote 3?

15 **Q. Yes. Do you have an answer to that question?**

16 A. I do. On May 26th, 2016, the Public Service
17 Commission requested parties to address two issues
18 related to Questar Gas Company's system-wide gathering
19 agreement or SWGA, a refund resulting from the lawsuit.

20 The two questions the office analyzed were --
21 the commission's first question was whether it is
22 appropriate to apply the refund to the commodity portion
23 rather than the supplier non-gas amortization. If so,
24 why? To that question, the office stated that the 191
25 account contains both commodity and SNG costs.

1 The company computed amortization rates based
2 upon the refund refunded, included in the commodity
3 amortization. The office analyzed the difference of
4 including the amount in the SNG or commodity cost and
5 found that the differences in the amortization
6 approximately offset one another.

7 The office has not taken a position at this
8 time regarding which approach is more appropriate or
9 not, but as was stated previously by the company, would
10 be willing to discuss these issues in a workshop or a
11 technical conference.

12 **Q. Does that complete your answers?**

13 A. Yes.

14 MR. MOORE: I would offer Mr. Martinez for
15 cross-examination.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Ms. Clark?

17 MS. CLARK: The company has no questions.

18 MR. JETTER: No questions from the division.

19 Thank you.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you. You can
21 step down, Mr. Martinez.

22 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Do any of the
24 parties have anything else they would like to address on
25 Docket 16-057-05?

1 MS. CLARK: No.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

3 Mr. Jetter?

4 MR. JETTER: Just in reference to one question
5 that I had earlier that was objected to. I think the
6 division would submit to having that question stricken
7 from the record. I think that might be the cleanest way
8 to make the transcript public, and in that case we may
9 not need a redacted transcript.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Understood.

11 Ms. Clark, I am assuming you wouldn't object to that?

12 MS. CLARK: No, sir.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Moore?

14 MR. MOORE: No, sir.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Okay. It's
16 stricken. Thank you.

17 We'll proceed to Docket 16-057-06 beginning
18 with the applicant.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you. The company would call
20 Mr. Kelly B. Mendenhall.

21 KELLY B. MENDENHALL,
22 called as a witness at the instance of the applicant,
23 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified
24 as follows:

25 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 BY MS. CLARK:

3 Q. Can you please state your name and business
4 address for the record?

5 A. Yes. My name is Kelly B. Mendenhall, and my
6 business address is 333 South State, Salt Lake City,
7 Utah.

8 Q. For whom do you work, and what is your title?

9 A. Questar Gas Company, and I am the general
10 manager of regulatory affairs.

11 Q. And was the application in this matter
12 prepared by you or under your direction?

13 A. Yes, it was.

14 Q. And do you adopt its content?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. Thank you. Would you please summarize for the
17 commission the relief the company seeks in this
18 application and make any updates or corrections to that
19 application?

20 A. Certainly. In Docket No. 16-57-06, the
21 application for an adjustment to the daily
22 transportation imbalance charge, the company seeks to
23 update the daily transportation imbalance charge using
24 the historical data for the 12 months ended March 2016.

25 This update is done pursuant to paragraph 4-J

1 of the Utah Public Service Commission order dated
2 November 9th, 2015, in Docket No. 14-057-31.

3 Based on the most recent historical data, the
4 company is proposing to reduce the rate from 8.896 cents
5 to a 7.955 cents per decatherm. And this rate will be
6 assessed a daily imbalance that's outside of a 5 percent
7 tolerance.

8 Since the charge was assessed in February of
9 this year, transportation customers have reduced their
10 imbalances and are using less of these services, and as
11 a result, their charges for these services is also being
12 reduced.

13 On May 26th the commission sent a notice to
14 parties and asked that certain questions be answered.
15 In this docket they had the following question: With
16 respect to Docket No. 16-057-06, Footnote 3 in Exhibit
17 1.1 of Questar's application, identifies a weighted
18 average cost of gas rate of 3.89851. Does this rate
19 reflect the base gas rate of 4 dollars -- 4.075282 and
20 the amortization rate of negative seven -- .17731
21 proposed in Docket No. 16-05-705? The answer to that
22 question is yes.

23 And the second part of the question is, if so,
24 is the inclusion of the amortization rate in the WACOG
25 calculation for the purposes of Docket No. 16-057-06

1 consistent with the commission's order dated November
2 9th, 2015, in Docket No. 14-057-31? The answer to that
3 is no, because in the original docket, 14-057-31, the
4 amortization rate was not included.

5 So that was an oversight on my part. And in
6 order to correct that and make it consistent with the
7 commission order, the company has provided or -- well,
8 proposes to provide updated exhibits to the commission,
9 an updated Exhibit 1.1U, which updates the calculation
10 of the rate, as well as an updated Exhibit 1.3U, which
11 updates the tariff sheets.

12 And it might be helpful for me just to walk
13 you through these so you can see the changes that we
14 have made.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Before we proceed,
16 I'll just confirm on the record that all parties have
17 received copies of the suggested supplemental exhibits.

18 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Go ahead.

20 **Q. (By Ms. Clark) Mr. Mendenhall, will you**
21 **summarize the changes to those exhibits?**

22 A. I will. Thank you. So let's start with
23 Hearing Exhibit 1.1U. So this exhibit originally, when
24 it was originally filed, compared the volumetric rate
25 that was calculated in the prior docket, 14-05-731, and

1 that was shown in your Column B, with what we were
2 proposing in this docket, which was shown in Column C.

3 So with respect to the rates that have changed
4 in Column C, if you go down to -- well, let's start with
5 Footnote 3 because that's what the question refers to.
6 So in Footnote 3, the original Footnote 3, as I
7 mentioned earlier, we included both the base rate and
8 the amortization rate in that calculation.

9 So if you look down at Footnote 3 now, we have
10 changed that to include just the base rate calculation.
11 And when we do that, that increases the Footnote 3.
12 Hold on one moment. I'll get it.

13 So the weighted average cost of gas rate was
14 in the original filing .07797. That's now been
15 increased to .08152. So if you go up to Column C, line
16 5, you will see that that number is now .08152. And
17 that flows to the total rate, which in Column C, line 7,
18 has increased from .23963 to .24318.

19 And then that is -- that changes the overall
20 proposed rate. You can see on column or -- on Column C,
21 Line 11, it's now 7.955 cents. You can see in Line 12,
22 it was 7.839 cents, and you can see in Line 13, the
23 change is one tenth of one cent increase is the impact
24 that that change has.

25 So that, that covers 1.1U. If we go to 1.3U,

1 so there's only one, one place where this shows up on
2 each tariff sheet for the FT1 rate schedule, the TS rate
3 schedule, and the MT rate schedule. And you can see, if
4 you turn to the first page, page 58, the daily
5 transportation imbalance charge per decatherm is now
6 7 -- or .07955.

7 If you turn to page 510, the daily
8 transportation imbalance charge is now .07955, and then
9 if you turn to page 512 for the TS rate schedule, the
10 daily transportation imbalance charge is now .07955.

11 So we, we updated these exhibits. We gave a
12 copy to the division. I'll let them speak to their
13 review of them. But we feel comfortable that this now
14 reflects the commission's order in Docket 14-05-731.
15 And we would propose that the commission accept these
16 proposed changes and make this -- these rates effective
17 June 1st of 2016.

18 **Q. Mr. Mendenhall, would you say that the rates**
19 **proposed in your application and your updated exhibits**
20 **are just, reasonable and in the public interest?**

21 A. Yes, I would.

22 **Q. And were Hearing Exhibits 1.1U and 1.3U**
23 **prepared by you or under your supervision?**

24 A. Yes, they were.

25 MS. CLARK: The company would move for the

1 admission of the application and the accompanying
2 exhibits and also Hearing Exhibit 1.1U and Hearing
3 Exhibit 1.3U.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Any objection?

5 MR. JETTER: No objection from the division.

6 MR. MOORE: No objections.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: They are admitted.

8 Thank you.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Mr. Mendenhall is
10 available for further questions.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Jetter?

12 MR. JETTER: No questions from the division.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Moore?

14 MR. MOORE: No questions from the office.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you,
16 Mr. Mendenhall. You are excused.

17 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Ms. Clark, the
19 company has no other witnesses?

20 MS. CLARK: The company has nothing further.
21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

23 Mr. Jetter?

24 MR. JETTER: The division would like to call
25 Mr. Douglas Wheelwright.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Wheelwright,
2 you are still under oath.

3 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

4 DOUGLAS WHEELWRIGHT,
5 recalled as a witness at the instance of the Division of
6 Public Utilities, having been previously duly sworn, was
7 examined and testified as follows:

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. JETTER:

10 Q. Good morning again, Mr. Wheelwright.

11 A. Good morning.

12 Q. Would you please state your name and
13 occupation for the record.

14 A. Douglas D. Wheelwright. I am a technical
15 consultant for the Division of Public Utilities.

16 Q. Thank you. And in the course of your
17 employment as a technical consultant for the Division of
18 Public Utilities, have you had an opportunity to review
19 the application of Questar Gas in this docket, along
20 with the exhibits that were attached thereto?

21 A. Yes, I have.

22 Q. And have you also had an opportunity to review
23 two hearing exhibits that were presented earlier in this
24 hearing, Questar Gas docket -- or excuse me. Questar
25 Gas Company Docket No. 16-05-706, Hearing Exhibits 1.3U

1 and 1.1U?

2 A. Yes, I have reviewed those.

3 Q. And did you create and cause to be filed with
4 the commission comments from the Division of Public
5 Utilities dated May 24th, 2016?

6 A. Yes, I did.

7 Q. And in light of the adjustments that were made
8 in those two hearing exhibits, are there any corrections
9 or edits that you would like to make to your comments?

10 A. Yes. There are three corrections to my memo.
11 The first correction is on page 2 of the memo, second
12 paragraph. With the corrections that have been
13 identified today, on the second to the last line, .07839
14 should be changed to .07955. And one line below that,
15 the 11.9 percent should be corrected to 10.6 percent.

16 The last correction is on page 10 of the memo.
17 It refers to the same numbers. The second paragraph,
18 the proposed rate as it reads, .07839, should be
19 corrected to .07955. And that complies with the changes
20 the company identified today.

21 Q. Thank you. With those changes, would you
22 adopt the comments here today as your testimony, and
23 does that accurately reflect your position on this
24 docket?

25 A. Yes, it does.

1 MR. JETTER: I would move at this time to
2 enter the comments dated May 24th, 2016, from the
3 division with the corrections that have just been made.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: We previously
5 admitted them in the docket we just heard, but for the
6 purpose of admitting them in this docket, is there any
7 objection?

8 MS. CLARK: No.

9 MR. MOORE: No objection.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: They are admitted.
11 Thank you.

12 MR. JETTER: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 **Q. (By Mr. Jetter) Have you prepared a brief**
14 **statement to read into the record?**

15 A. Yes, yes.

16 **Q. Please go ahead.**

17 A. Docket No. 16-057-06 or the transportation
18 imbalance charge was established to charge
19 transportation customers for the supplier non-gas
20 services that are being used on the Questar Gas system.
21 The calculation of this rate is based on a methodology
22 approved by the commission in Docket 14-05-731 and is to
23 be adjusted with each pass-through filing and in the
24 next general rate case.

25 The current calculation includes the actual

1 volumes for the 12 months ending March 2016 and
2 represents a decrease from 8.9 cents per decatherm to
3 7.955 cents per decatherm with the corrections discussed
4 today.

5 This rate applies to transportation customers
6 that were taking service under the MT, TS and FT1 rate
7 schedules, and any amounts collected under this rate is
8 credited to GS customers through the 191 account. This
9 rate applies only if the customer's daily nominations
10 are outside of the plus or minus 5 percent tolerance
11 limit. Transportation customers can minimize and
12 possibly avoid this charge through accurate daily
13 nominations.

14 The current rate has only been in place since
15 February 2016, and it does appear that the nominations
16 of many customers have become more accurate since this
17 rate was imposed. The division recommends that the
18 proposed rate be approved on an interim basis until a
19 full audit of the 191 account can be completed. That
20 concludes my summary.

21 Q. Thank you, Mr. Wheelwright. And I'd just like
22 to ask a follow-up question regarding the commission's
23 request for a few questions to be answered at the
24 hearing today.

25 Were you in the hearing room earlier when

1 company witness Mendenhall testified that the rate does
2 reflect in the base gas rate of 4.07582 and the
3 amortization rate of a negative 0.17731 proposed in
4 Docket No. 16-057-05?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And have you reviewed the calculations that
7 were made to include the amortization rate in the WACOG
8 calculation?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And do you believe that that was done
11 correctly?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. And do you believe, I guess, that that was
14 consistent with the commission's order from November 9,
15 2015 in Docket 14-05-731?

16 A. Yes, I believe the correction does comply with
17 commission order.

18 Q. Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. JETTER: I have no further questions, and
20 Mr. Wheelwright is available for cross-examination.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Ms. Clark?

22 MS. CLARK: The company does not have any
23 questions.

24 MR. MOORE: The office has no questions.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you. You are

1 excused, Mr. Wheelwright. Mr. Moore?

2 MR. MOORE: The office is not offering
3 testimony on this issue.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Ms. Clark, earlier
5 you mentioned potentially requesting a bench ruling in
6 this matter. Would you like to speak to that now?

7 MS. CLARK: Yeah. The company would reiterate
8 its previous request that both dockets today, the '05
9 docket and the '06 docket, be considered for a bench
10 order. The company would like to have those rates
11 effective tomorrow.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Is there any
13 objection to a bench ruling?

14 MR. JETTER: The division would support a
15 bench ruling because of the effective date requested,
16 and we also have recommended approval of the
17 application.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Moore?

19 MR. MOORE: No objection.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you,
21 everyone. We will be in recess for just a few minutes.

22 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

23 (Recess from 9:57 a.m. to 10:04 a.m.)

24 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: We're back on the
25 record. Ms. Clark, let me just ask you, with respect to

1 Hearing Exhibit 1.3U, which are the revised tariff
2 sheets, is it the company's intention to file with the
3 commission revised tariff sheets today?

4 MS. CLARK: We would be happy to do that if
5 the commission would like us to.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: That would be
7 great.

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Anything else from
10 any of the parties? Excellent.

11 Based on the applications filed in Dockets No.
12 16-057-05 and 16-057-06, the division's comments, and
13 the testimony presented at the hearing, the commission
14 concludes it is just, reasonable and in the public
15 interest to approve both applications. The rates are
16 approved on an interim basis as modified by today's
17 testimony and exhibits, pending the division's audits of
18 the respective accounts, and are approved with an
19 effective date of June 1st, 2016.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you. We're
22 adjourned.

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24 (The hearing adjourned at 10:05 a.m.)

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