

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Application of QUESTAR GAS )  
COMPANY to adjust rates for natural gas service in )  
Utah )

DOCKET NO. 01-057-10

INTERIM ORDER

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ISSUED: October 4, 2001

By The Commission:

On September 17, 2001, Questar Gas Company (the Company) submitted its pass-through application in the above-entitled docket requesting an annualized gas cost decrease of \$110,936,000 to become effective October 1, 2001. The requested reduction is due to the substantially reduced cost of natural gas purchased by the Company. The effect of this proposed change would decrease the annual bill for a typical GS-1 residential customer using 1150 therms of gas per year by \$138.00, which is a 15.25% decrease.

On September 21, 2001, the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") submitted its memorandum to the Commission recommending that the proposed decrease in rates be approved on an interim basis effective October 1, 2001.

On October 3, 2001, a hearing was held to allow the parties to submit preliminary evidence regarding the proposed decrease and its proposed effective date. The parties unanimously recommended that the Commission issue an interim order placing the proposed rate decrease in effect as of October 1, 2001. The parties also discussed commencing discovery regarding the application. The Commission believes that implementation of the proposed rate decrease as of October 1, 2001, is in the public interest.

At the hearing, counsel for the Company noted an advice letter filed on September 5, 2001, requesting approval of various miscellaneous tariff changes recommended by the Company. This Advice Letter, identified as 2001-05, was reviewed by the DPU, which recommended approval on September 21, 2001. At the October 3, 2001 hearing, all of the parties recommended approval of the Advice Letter. We agree with the recommendations.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed rate decrease in the annualized amount of \$110,936,000 requested by Questar Gas Company by be placed in effect on an interim basis as of October 1, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the miscellaneous tariff changes outlined in Questar Gas Company's Advice Letter 2001-5 are hereby approved and shall be incorporated in the Company's tariff.

Dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Richard M. Campbell, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary

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