

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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

DOCKET NO. 03-057-10

INTERIM ORDER

ISSUED: September 30, 2003

By The Commission:

On September 4, 2003, Questar Gas Company (the Company) submitted a 191 Account application in the above-entitled docket requesting an annualized gas cost decrease of \$43,951,000 to become effective October 1, 2003. The requested decrease is due primarily to the decreased 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 115 decatherms of gas per year by \$50.88, which is a 5.87% decrease.

On September 25, 2003, 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, 2003. Also on September 25, 2003, a Stipulation between the Company, the DPU, and the Committee of Consumer Services was filed with the Commission. In that Stipulation those parties jointly recommended that "the Commission enter an interim order authorizing Questar Gas to implement rates and charges" consistent with the Application effective October 1, 2003. The Stipulation further stated that the parties agreed that entry of the proposed interim order would not be deemed a decision of the Commission either to allow or deny recovery of CO₂ processing costs included in the Application expenses. The Stipulation recommended that the Commission establish a separate docket number for the issue of recovery of the CO₂ costs.

The Commission will approve the interim use of the proposed rates pending final resolution of issues raised by the application in this or other dockets. The interim rates may become effective October 1, 2003.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

The proposed rate decrease in the annualized amount of \$43,402,000 requested by Questar Gas Company be placed in effect on an interim basis as of October 1, 2003.

Dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 30th day of September, 2003.

/s/ Ric Campbell, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Ted Boyer, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary

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