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Subject: Questar Gas Company (QGC) Pass-Through Docket Nos. 01-057-10, 01-057-14, 02-057-13, 03-057/05, 03-057-10, 04-057-04, 04-057-09 and 04-057/11.

ISSUE:

The applications in the above Dockets have been approved by the Public Service Commission (Commission) on an interim basis. The issue is whether or not to close these dockets with a final order.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that a final order be issued by the Commission in the above dockets.

DISCUSSION:

A summary of the recommendations for these dockets is shown in the table below. This table lists the Docket No., Amount of Request, Effective Date of Request, Division's recommendation pertaining to the status of the docket, the Date of the original memo to the Commission from the Division regarding the interim rate request and the date of the Commission's interim order.

Docket No	Amount (000)	Effective Date	Division Recommends	Division Memo Date	Commission Interim Order
01-057-10	\$ (110,936)	Oct. 1, 2001	Final Order		Oct. 1, 2001
01-057-14	(66,947)	Jan. 1, 2002	Final Order	Dec. 21, 2001	Dec. 31, 2001
02-057-13	(6,468)	Jan. 1, 2003	Final Order	Dec. 10, 2002	Dec. 30, 2002
03-057-05	146,357	Jul. 1, 2003	Final Order	Jun. 16, 2003	Jun. 20, 2003
03-057-10	(43,402)	Oct. 1, 2003	Final Order	Sep. 25, 2003	Sep. 30, 2003
04-057-04	34,835	Jun. 1, 2004	Final Order	May 24, 2004	Jun. 2, 2004
04-057-09	(29,000)	Oct. 1, 2004	Final Order	CO2 Refund	Sep. 20, 2004
04-057-11	77,212	Oct. 1, 2004	Final Order	Sep. 27, 2004	Sep. 29, 2004
05-057-06	115,402	Jun. 1, 2005	Interim	May 31, 2005	May 31, 2005
05-057-11	196,481	Nov. 1, 2005	Interim	Oct. 28, 2005	Oct. 28, 2005
06-057-01	(93,731)	Feb. 1, 2006	Interim	Jan. 31, 2006	Feb. 1, 2006
06-057-T03	(38,000)	Apr. 1, 2006	Interim	Mar. 29, 2006	Apr. 7, 2006

The Division has not discovered any additional information that warrants keeping these dockets open on an interim basis. This information is based on Division audits of the 191 account and reports which are filed with the Commission pertaining to those audits. The most recent audit report to the Commission for 2004 was issued by the Division on December 19, 2005. Of the dockets which the Division is recommending a final order be issued on, only Docket Number 04-057-09 was involved in formal hearing. This was a stand alone docket on the refund of CO2 dollars collected by QGC. The other dockets have had no formal hearing. For this reason, the Commission may want to schedule a hearing before issuing a final order.

For those dockets beginning in 2005, the Committee of Consumer Services (CCS) is currently conducting an independent audit of QGC's 191 account and because of this the Division would like to keep those rates effective in those dockets on an interim basis pending the outcome of the CCS audit. The Division is also preparing to begin its own audit of QGC's 191 account for 2005.

Cc: Questar Gas Company
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