

- 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. 04-057-11

INTERIM ORDER

ISSUED: September 29, 2004

By The Commission:

On September 17, 2004, Questar Gas Company (Questar) applied for an adjustment to the commodity and supplier non-gas portions of its Utah natural gas rates. Questar proposes a \$71,071,000 increase in the commodity portion and a \$6,141,000 increase in the supplier non-gas portion of rates. Questar states that the increase is primarily driven by increases in purchased gas prices for the Rocky Mountain region and an amortization of an under-collected balance in the 191 Account. Questar projects that the typical residential customer using 115 decatherms of gas usage per year will see an increase in the average monthly bill of \$7.37 (or 10.40%). On September 27, 2004, the Division of Public Utilities filed its Memorandum reporting its preliminary analysis of the application and recommending that the Commission approve the requested rate increase on an interim basis. Pursuant to Utah Code 54-7-12, we may grant an interim rate change, pending completion of a plenary review of the rate change application. Based on the foregoing, we enter this interim order.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed rate increase in the annualized amount of \$77,212,000 requested by Questar Gas Company by be placed in effect on an interim basis as of October 1, 2004.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

/s/ Ric Campbell, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Ted Boyer, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary

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