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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Questar Gas Company, the Division of Public Utilities, and Utah Clean Energy for the Approval of the Conservation Enabling Tariff Adjustment Option and Accounting Orders	Docket No. 05-057-T01  <b>MOTION TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF THE CONSERVATION ENABLING TARIFF/DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM</b>
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Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-100-3(H), Questar Gas Company (“Company” or “Questar Gas”) respectfully requests that the Utah Public Service Commission (“Commission”) extend the term of the Conservation Enabling Tariff/ Demand-Side Management Pilot Program Pilot Program until at least December 31, 2009.

**BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT**

On December 16, 2005, Questar Gas Company, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) and Utah Clean Energy filed a Joint Application seeking approval of a Conservation Enabling Tariff (“CET”) and Demand-Side Management (“DSM”) Pilot Program. Following workshops and technical conferences, the joint applicants filed

testimony in support of the Joint Application. On September 5, 2006, the joint applicants informed the Commission that some of the parties had reached agreement in principle on a resolution of the issues related to the Pilot Program. On September 13, 2006, Questar Gas, the Division, Utah Clean Energy, and the Utah Committee of Consumer Services filed a Settlement Stipulation. A hearing was held on September 25, 2006, to determine whether the Settlement Stipulation should be approved. On October 5, 2006, the Commission issued an Order approving the Settlement Stipulation. In compliance with this Order, the Company implemented the CET on November 1, 2006, the first of the month following Commission approval of the Settlement Stipulation. The Settlement Stipulation provided that the CET/DSM Pilot Program would be implemented for a three year term with a one-year review of the CET component of the Pilot Program.

Pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation, the Company filed an application on December 5, 2006 requesting approval of six energy-efficiency programs, a comprehensive market-transformation initiative and a DSM budget (DSM Application). On January 16, 2007, the Commission approved effective January 1, 2007, the DSM Application. The DSM component of the three year Pilot Program is scheduled to end at the end of year 2009.

Pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation, the 1-year review hearings were held on September 18 and 19, 2007, to hear evidence and argument with respect to proposals for alternatives to or continuation of the CET during the remaining two years of its three-year Pilot Program. On November 5, 2007, the Commission issued an Order approving the continuance of the CET for the remaining two years of the Pilot Program. In that Order, the Commission also directed the Company to file a general rate case by March 2008.

The Company filed a general rate case on December 19, 2007. On December 22, 2008, the Commission issued its Report and Order on Cost of Service and Rate Design in the Company's general rate case (COS Order). The Commission directed the Company to review several issues prior to the Company's next rate case.

On January 20, 2009, the Company filed a Petition for Reconsideration, Review or Rehearing and Clarification of the COS Order. On February 9, 2009, the Commission issued an Order staying and vacating portions of the COS Order and granting review and rehearing. Central to the grant of rehearing were issues of the relationship between volumetric rates and the CET allowed revenue per customer.

Questar Gas is requesting an extension of the continuation of the CET/DSM Pilot Program through the end of year 2009. With this extension of time, the CET and DSM components of the Pilot Program will have run a full three years and parties will have matching data and time periods to evaluate the CET balancing account, impacts to residential customers and impacts to the Company. Additionally, an extension of the CET to continue through the end of 2009 will allow the Company and other stakeholders time to begin implementing some of the Commission's directives in the COS Order prior to filing a 2009 rate case. Assuming the Commission grants this request for an extension of the CET/DSM Pilot Program through the end of year 2009, and it is determined that a request to continue the CET/DSM Pilot Program must be filed in a general rate case, then the latest the Company may file a general rate case that seeks permission to continue the CET/DSM Pilot Program is May 2009.

The Company has been authorized by the Division and Committee to represent that they do not oppose the Company's request for an extension of the CET/DSM Pilot Program through the end of December 2009.

**CONCLUSION**

Questar Gas plans to file for approval of the CET/DSM Pilot Program on a permanent basis in May 2009 either separately in a CET proceeding or in a general rate case proceeding. Extending the term of CET/DSM Pilot Program until December 31, 2009, will result in the CET component of the Pilot Program concluding at approximately the same time the DSM Pilot Program concludes. Questar Gas will also have additional time to comply with the Commission's directives in the COS Order prior to seeking approval to continue the CET/DSM Pilot Program on a permanent basis. Parties will have almost three full years of results from the DSM programs to include in their analyses in determining whether the CET/DSM Pilot Program should be continued.

Based upon the foregoing, Questar Gas Company respectfully moves this Commission for an Order extending the duration of the CET pilot program until December 31, 2009.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: April 2, 2018.

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