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Utah Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket 06-057-T04

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter as support for the proposed removal of GSS and EAC fees from Questar Gas Company's rate tariff. This matter was considered as a scheduled agenda item at the Enterprise City Council meeting held October 25, 2006. After discussion and review, the City Council voted unanimously to support the proposed tariff changes.

Enterprise City residents have been paying rates substantially higher than other nearby communities for more than 15 years in accordance with a tariff that requires expansion areas to amortize costs related to that expansion. While the rationale used to justify expansion area rate structure is understood, this concept places rural areas such as Enterprise at a distinct disadvantage when promoting and competing for economic development.

Knowing the philosophy of the Utah State Legislature regarding the support for economic development and resettlement of rural Utah as evidenced by resolution, the GSS and EAC concept does not appear to be in harmony with their recommendation. Apparently, rates subsequent to the establishment of the rate structure governing Enterprise have been consistent with the concept of all Questar customers paying a nominal increase to cover expansion costs. Unfortunately this has left some areas, including Enterprise, paying inequitable rates.

I believe this would signal a spirit of statewide cooperation that would allow rural areas to more feasibly attract needed commercial growth to help stabilize a growing residential population.

I believe it is time to level the playing field on natural gas rates. A blended rate structure that facilitates rural economic development will benefit all of Utah.

Respectfully,

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