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We support the proposal to remove GSS and EAC rates from Questar Gas Company's tariff. Natural gas service has clearly benefited rural Utah. We appreciate the accommodations made several years ago to bring gas to Newton. However, the various arrangements made to cover the cost of bringing that service to rural Utah have resulted in some areas receiving economic-development advantages over others.

GSS and EAC rates were tools that allowed rapid expansion of a critical service. But these arrangements favored faster growing communities. Those communities have been able to join Utah's economic mainstream faster. Higher rates in Newton only keep us from catching up, or even competing. For the benefit of the whole state, it's time to level the playing field. Removing the extra charges from our rates will help accomplish this.

Sincerely,

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