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MEMORANDUM

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: March 8, 2017

Re: **Questar Gas Company CET Dockets Docket Nos. 07-057-03; 07-057-10; 08-057-16; 08-057-24; 09-057-04; 09-057-13; 10-057-10; 10-057-19; 11-057-03; 11-057-09; 12-057-09; 13-057-08; 13-057-16; 14-057-10; 14-057-23; 15-057-05; 15-057-12; and 16-057-10, plan to review for setting of final rates.**

RECOMMENDATION (APPROVAL OF FINAL RATES)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) performed an audit¹ of Questar Gas Company's (Questar or Company) Conservation Enabling Tariff (CET) rates that were approved by the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) in the dockets listed above on an interim basis. The Division requests that the Commission order that the interim rates in Questar's CET dockets listed above be set as final rates.

¹ In using the term "Audit" the Division notes that it did not conduct an independent audit as defined and conducted under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards as promulgated under the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In this instance "Audit" means compliance review.

ISSUE

In all Questar CET filings 2007 through 2016 the Commission has ordered approval of rates on interim basis until such time that the Division complete an audit of the CET account. This memorandum reports on the review that the Division has completed.

DISCUSSION

The CET is a mechanism designed to ensure that the Company only collects from GS customers the Commission authorized revenue per customer. An audit was performed to verify that the CET dockets reviewed collected revenues based on GS customers only and were collecting the allowed revenue per customer as set in each general rate case. This information is reviewed and verified as correct by the Division each time the Company files an application to amortize the CET rates. The audit consisted of reviewing the GS customer count at the time of the filings and the revenue per customer collected is the revenue that was ordered by the Commission in the general rates cases that was in effect at the time of each CET filing.

CONCLUSION

The Division has completed its audit of the CET rates that were approved by the Commission on an interim basis in Docket Nos. 07-057-03; 07-057-10; 08-057-16; 08-057-24; 09-057-04; 09-057-13; 10-057-10; 10-057-19; 11-057-03; 11-057-09; 12-057-09; 13-057-08; 13-057-16; 14-057-10; 14-057-23; 15-057-05; 15-057-12; and 16-057-10. As a result of that review the Division recommends that the Commission set those interim rates as final rates.

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