

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Pass-Through	)	
Application of QUESTAR GAS COMPANY	)	<u>DOCKET NO. 07-057-09</u>
for an Adjustment in Rates and Changes for	)	
Natural Gas Service in Utah	)	<u>INTERIM ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: October 31, 2007

By The Commission:

On October 4, 2007, Questar Gas Company (“Questar”) filed a 191 Account application in the above-entitled docket requesting an annualized gas cost decrease of \$89,563,000 to become effective November 1, 2007. On October 18, 2007, the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) filed a Memorandum of its investigation recommending the proposed increase be approved on an interim basis effective November 1, 2007, pending conclusion of the Division’s 2007 audit of the 191 Account. The requested reduction is due, in large part, to the substantially reduced cost of natural gas purchased by Questar. The effect of this proposed change would decrease the annual bill for a typical GS-1 residential customer using 80 decatherms of gas per year by \$69.03, or 9.56%.

On October 18, 2007, the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) filed a Memorandum regarding the Application and recommending approval of the proposed rate change on an interim basis.

On October 31, 2007, hearing was held before the Administrative Law Judge. Questar appeared through counsel Colleen Larkin Bell, the Division appeared through Assistant Attorney General Michael Ginsberg, and the Committee of Consumer Services (“Committee”)

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appeared through Assistant Attorney General Paul Proctor; no other appearances were made. Questar presented testimony through its witness Gary Robinson and the Division presented testimony through its witness Marlin Barrow; each providing evidence in support of granting the Application and approving the rate change requested.

The Division requests that the rate change be approved on an interim basis until pending completion of the Division's 2007 audit of the 191 Account.

Having reviewed the record before the Commission and considered the testimony offered by the parties at hearing, the Administrative Law Judge finds said evidence establishes an adequate prima facie showing that approval of the proposed decrease is justified on an interim basis pending completion of the Division's 2007 audit of the 191 Account. Therefore, the Administrative Law Judge recommends the Commission approve the interim use of the proposed rates effective November 1, 2007.

Wherefore, based upon the foregoing information, and for good cause appearing, the Administrative Law Judge enters the following proposed

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the proposed rate decrease in the annualized amount of \$89,563,000 requested by Questar Gas Company be placed in effect on an interim basis as of November 1, 2007.

Pursuant to Utah Code 63-46b-12 and 54-7-15, agency review or rehearing of this order may be obtained by filing a request for review or rehearing with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must

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be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code 63-46b-14, 63-46b-16 and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2007.

/s/ Steven F. Goodwill  
Administrative Law Judge

Approved and Confirmed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2007, as the Report and Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Ted Boyer, Chairman

/s/ Ric Campbell, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard  
Commission Secretary  
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