



State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Committee of Consumer Services

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: In the Matter of the Revision of Questar Gas Company's Integrated Resource Planning Standards and Guidelines, Docket No. 08-57-02. Request for Comments on Draft IRP Standards and Guidelines 2008.

ISSUE

In its December 14, 2007 Order on Questar Gas Company's (QGC) 2007 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), the Commission indicated a new docket (Docket No. 08-057-02) would be opened to examine revisions to the existing Gas IRP Standards and Guidelines implemented September 26, 1994. The Commission held a technical conference on February 13, 2008 to take initial comments from parties on potential modifications to the 1994 Gas IRP Standards and Guidelines. Based on discussion of major areas of concern at that meeting, the Commission prepared and circulated for comment on April 3, 2008, Draft Gas IRP Standards and Guidelines 2008 (IRP Standards 2008).

COMMENTS

The Committee appreciates the invitation by the Commission to provide comments on Draft IRP Standards 2008. The Committee believes an effective set of IRP guidelines is very important to ensure QGC's planning and operating decisions result in low cost, low

risk resources being acquired or produced to the benefit of Utah residential and small business customers.

The Committee's comments on the Draft IRP Standards 2008 are provided in legislative format in the attachment to this memo. Our comments include proposed red-lined changes to the Commission's Draft and specific remarks which are highlighted in yellow in the document.

PROCESS

In its April 3, 2008 request for comment on the Draft IRP Standards 2008, the Commission did not lay out a process by which revised IRP Standards are to be completed. The Committee looks forward to participating in any process that the Commission requires to finalize and implement new IRP Standards.