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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF QUESTAR GAS  
COMPANY TO INCREASE  
DISTRIBUTION NON-GAS RATES  
AND CHARGES AND MAKE TARIFF  
MODIFICATIONS

Docket No. 09-057-16

**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION**

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Questar Gas Company (Questar Gas or Company) hereby moves the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) for approval of the Settlement Stipulation dated March 18, 2010 (Settlement Stipulation) which was filed with this Motion. The grounds for this Motion are as follows:

1. On December 3, 2009, Questar Gas filed its Verified Application and direct testimony with the Commission seeking an order authorizing a total revenue requirement of \$277.3 million based on a test period ending December 31, 2010 using year-end data (Application). The Application was filed pursuant to the new filing requirements, Utah Admin. Code R746-700-1, *et seq.* As a result, Questar Gas simultaneously filed with its Application, approximately 100 responses to required information in compliance with the new filing requirements.

2. On December 29, 2009, the Commission issued its Scheduling Order, dividing the case into two phases and setting dates for filing testimony, technical conferences, and hearings for Phase 1: Revenue Requirement issues and Phase 2: Cost of Service and Rate Design issues.

3. On January 6, 2010, a technical conference was held to discuss and provide information on the Company's models used in its Application. The Company explained its models, demonstrated how parties could modify inputs and assumptions and responded to questions regarding the models.

4. On February 10, 2010, a technical conference was held to discuss and provide an explanation of the accounting for the Company's Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Tracker (Infrastructure Tracker). Questar Gas presented the history of its aging high-pressure feeder lines, its infrastructure replacement program, the proposed schedule for infrastructure replacement, the estimated costs and the accounting and tracking of those costs, and an explanation of how the Infrastructure Tracker would work.

5. Since the Application was filed, both the Division of Public Utilities and the Office of Consumer Services have performed on-site audits and parties have conducted discovery. In conjunction with these audits and discovery, parties have asked and Questar Gas

has responded to approximately 750 data requests and posted them on its “V Bulletin” website for the convenience and review of all intervenors.

6. During the scheduling conference held on December 22, 2009, the parties agreed to reserve March 2, 2010, for a Settlement Conference. The parties whose signatures appear on the signature pages of the Settlement Stipulation (Stipulating Parties) met on March 2, 2010, to discuss settlement regarding the Application. Subsequently, the Stipulating Parties continued to engage in confidential settlement discussions. These discussions were open to all intervenors in this docket. The Stipulating Parties have reached agreement as more fully set forth in the Settlement Stipulation.

7. As specified in the Settlement Stipulation, the Stipulating Parties agree that the Settlement Stipulation results in just and reasonable rates and is in the public interest. The Stipulating Parties are authorized to represent that the intervenors in this docket that have not entered into the Settlement Stipulation either do not oppose or take no position on the Settlement Stipulation.

Wherefore, Questar Gas Company requests that the Commission grant this motion and approve the Settlement Stipulation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: March 18, 2010.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the Motion for Approval of Settlement

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