

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Pass-Through )  
Application of Questar Gas Company for an ) DOCKET NO.11-057-02  
Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural )  
Gas Service in Utah )  
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In the Matter of the Application of Questar ) DOCKET NO. 11-057-03  
Gas Company to Amortize the Conservation )  
Enabling Tariff Balancing Account )  
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In the Matter of the Application of Questar ) DOCKET NO. 11-057-04  
Gas Company to Amortize the Demand Side )  
Management Energy Efficiency Deferred )  
Account Balance ) REPORT AND ORDER  
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ISSUED: May 31, 2011

By The Commission:

These matters are before the Commission on Questar Gas Company's (Questar) three applications, captioned above, and filed on April 28, 2011. If approved, the net effect of all three applications is a reduction in the typical GS customer's annual bill of \$7.33. Questar requests an effective date of June 1, 2011. The Division of Public Utilities (Division) performed a review of the applications and submitted its recommendation on May 16, 2011. The Division recommended approval of the applications in the interim.

The Commission held a hearing on these matters on Wednesday, May 25, 2011. Jennifer Nelson was counsel for Questar. Kelly Mendenhall and John Kennedy were witnesses for Questar, with Mendenhall providing supportive testimony on Docket Nos. 11-057-03, -04, and Kennedy providing supportive testimony on Docket No. 11-057-02. The Division was represented by assistant attorney general Patricia Schmid. Carolyn Roll was witness for the

Division. The Office of Consumer Services did not oppose the Division's recommendation and did not otherwise oppose the applications' interim approvals. The Commission provides the Division's summary regarding the applications below:

Docket No. 11-057-02 (191 Account Pass-Through) asks for PSC approval to decrease the commodity rate components of the QGC's Utah natural gas rates by \$14,200,000 while increasing the supplier non-gas cost by \$917,000 which nets to a decrease of \$13,283,000. Based on current gas cost rates in the GS Rate class, if approved, a typical GS residential customer will see a \$10.33 decrease in their annual bill.

Docket No. 11-057-03 is a request to amortize the March 2011 Conservation Enabling Tariff (CET) credit balance of \$5,724,937 (over-collection) in Account 191.9 and adjust the CET component in Block 1 and 2 of the GS class distribution non-gas (DNG) rate. If approved, compared to the current CET amortization rate component in the GS Rate class DNG rate, a typical GS residential customer will see a \$2.26 decrease in their annual bill.

Docket No. 11-057-04 is a request to increase the current amortization rate set in Docket No. 10-057-19 for QGC'S Energy Efficiency (EE) programs which were established in Docket No. 05-057-T01. If approved, a typical GS residential customer will see an increase of \$5.25 in their annual bill.

If all three applications are approved as filed, a typical GS residential customer will see a net decrease in their annual bill of \$7.33. All three applications request an effective date of June 1, 2011.

*Division Recommendation, May 16, 2011, pp.1-2.*

The Division and Questar provided testimony supporting the applications, and the Division testified that the approval of the applications was just and reasonable and in the public interest.

The Commission, finding no opposition to the interim approval of the applications, and finding the approval of such applications to be just and reasonable and in the public interest, hereby orders as follows:

ORDER

The Commission hereby approves the three applications on an interim basis, pending final Division audits. The rate changes shall be effective June 1, 2011.

Pursuant to Sections 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of this Order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, 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 Sections 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2011.

/s/ Ruben H. Arredondo  
Administrative Law Judge

DOCKET NOS. 11-057-02, 11-057-03, AND 11-057-04

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Approved and confirmed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2011, 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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