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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
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Subject: Docket No. 11-057-T02

ISSUE:

On March 17, 2011, Questar Gas Company (QGC) filed revised tariff sheets for §9.03 and §9.04 of QGC's Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 400 with the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC) in order to make modifications and to clarify the method for determining allowances for residential main and service line extensions. On March 21st, the PSC issued an Action Request to the Division of Public Utilities (Division) to investigate the tariff filing. This is the Division response to that Action Request.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division has reviewed the filed tariff sheets and recommends modifications to those tariff sheets as shown in the attached file.

DISCUSSION:

The Division reviewed the revised tariff sheets and attachments, filed with the PSC, and agrees that the allowances for mains and service lines needs more frequent updating in order to maintain a proper balance in cost sharing between new customers and current customers. The

Division accepts the formulas noted in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the filing as a reasonable method to follow in determining an equitable sharing of costs between new and current residential customers. However, the Division did note that any information about the dollar amounts of the current extension allowances was missing from the filing. The Division has consulted with the Company about this issue and they agreed that information should be contained in the tariff. In the process of that review, there were other additions and clarifications made to the filed tariff sheets as noted in the attached legislative formatted file.

The Division recommends the Commission accept the modifications made in the attached file to §9.03 and §9.04 of QGC's Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 400 and recommends the Company file the revised tariff sheets as noted to be included in their Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 400.

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