

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Application of Questar )  
Gas Company for Authority to Change its ) DOCKET NO. 12-057-02  
Existing Tariff by Removing the Commodity )  
Amortization Rate ) REPORT AND ORDER  
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ISSUED: January 25, 2012

SYNOPSIS

The Commission approves Questar Gas Company's application to remove the debit amortization from the commodity portion of rates for all GS and FS customers, thereby lowering the annual gas bill of a typical GS customer by \$10.31.

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By The Commission:

On January 17, 2012, Questar Gas Company ("Questar") filed an application requesting permission to remove the Account 191 Commodity Amortization rate from the GS and FS rate schedules. On that same date, the Commission issued to the Division of Public Utilities ("Division") a request for its evaluation of the application.

The Division provided its analysis to the Commission by memorandum dated and filed in this docket on January 19, 2012. Based on a preliminary review, the Division recommends the Commission approve the requested rate change, effective February 1, 2012, on an interim basis, pending completion of the Division's audit. No other party has filed comments on the application. It is unopposed.

As discussed in the application, the current amortization rate of \$0.12903/Dth for the GS and FS rate schedules was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 11-057-08 to amortize a July 2011 debit (under collection) balance of \$13.3 million by September 2012. Due to a combination of actual natural gas prices and customer usage levels in the last half of 2011,

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Questar now estimates the under-collected balance reached zero as of December 2011. It is therefore appropriate to grant Questar's request to remove the \$0.12903/Dth amortization rate from the GS and FS rate schedules effective February 1, 2012. As a result, a typical GS residential customer will realize an annual bill decrease of \$10.31, a 1.51% decrease when compared to the rates approved in Docket No. 11-057-08.

As the Division recommends, we will approve the requested rate change on an interim basis, pending completion of the Division's audit of Account 191 for 2011. When the audit is completed, we direct the Division to issue a memo to the Commission recommending whether or not the requested rate change should be made permanent.

ORDER

The Account 191 Commodity Amortization rate is removed from the GS and FS rate schedules effective February 1, 2012, as requested in the application. This rate change is ordered on an interim basis, pending the further report of the Division following completion of its Account 191 audit for 2011.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

/s/ Ted Boyer, Chairman

/s/ Ric Campbell, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
Commission Secretary

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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order 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 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 Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Report and Order was served upon the following as indicated below:

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