- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company for Approval of the Wexpro II Agreement

DOCKET NO. 12-057-13

SCHEDULING ORDER

ISSUED: October 16, 2012

By The Commission:

On September 18, 2012, Questar Gas Company ("QGC") filed an application requesting Commission approval of the Wexpro II Agreement entered into between QGC, Wexpro Company, the Utah Division of Public Utilities ("Division"), and the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate. The Commission held a duly-noticed scheduling conference on October 3, 2012. At this conference, the parties discussed issues raised in the Utah Office of Consumer Services' ("Office") Request for Pre-Hearing Order and Schedule filed October 2, 2012. The Commission ruled that this proceeding will be a formal adjudicative proceeding. When the parties failed to reach any consensus on a schedule, the Commission continued the conference to October 4, 2012, to facilitate the attendance of a court reporter.

At the October 4, 2012 conference, the parties reached agreement on a schedule for addressing the legal grounds for the Office's opposition to the application. At the Commission's direction, the presiding officer ruled the agreed-upon schedule would be adopted, as follows:

Item	Deadline
Deadline for the Office and other parties	Friday, October 26, 2012
opposing the application on legal grounds to	
file briefs in support of their positions	

SCHEDULE

Deadline for parties to file responsive briefs	Wednesday, November 7, 2012
Deadline for parties to file replies to responsive briefs	Friday, November 16, 2012
Date for hearing on legal issues, if necessary, and for a scheduling conference, if necessary, to schedule any further proceedings.	Wednesday, November 28, 2012

Any party desiring a hearing should so indicate in its responsive brief. If a hearing is necessary, the Commission will issue a notice shortly after November 7, 2012, specifying the time and place.

Discovery may commence immediately in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R746-100-8(B). Regarding the Office's request for access to all Commission orders, testimony and briefs filed in Docket No. 76-057-14 and related dockets, the presiding officer reported at the scheduling hearing the case documents had been located in the state's archives but were not yet available. Subsequently, the Commission has learned the Division of Archives and Records procedures do not allow the original documents to leave the archive facility. The documents are, however, available to be examined and copied at the following location: 300 South Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT, 84101, phone: 801-533-3535. The facility is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Copies cost 10 cents per page.

In addition to adopting the foregoing briefing schedule, the presiding officer heard arguments pertaining to issues the Office raises in paragraphs 5 and 6 of its Request for Pre-Hearing Order and Schedule. In these paragraphs, the Office asks the Commission to require the Division to file direct testimony presenting, among other things, its analysis of the Wexpro II Agreement, and its reasons for signing it and supporting the application. The Office further seeks testimony from the Division containing the specific allegations upon which the Division relies to establish its statutory authority to enter the Wexpro II Agreement and to carry out its

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obligations under that agreement. The Commission will address these requests when it rules on the other issues presented in the legal briefs referenced above. The Commission invites parties to provide any further arguments and authorities on these issues in their briefs.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 16th day of October, 2012.

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg Commission Secretary DW# 236082

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 16th day of October, 2012, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Scheduling Order was served upon the following as indicated below:

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