

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar)
Gas Company for Approval of the 2013 Year) DOCKET NO. 12-057-14
Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and)
Market Transformation Initiative) REPORT AND ORDER
) APPROVING DSM PROGRAM 2013
) BUDGET INCREASE
)

ISSUED: January 22, 2014

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) on Questar Gas Company’s (“Questar”) December 5, 2013, report on demand side management (DSM) expenditures and decatherm (Dth) savings to date (“Report”), filed pursuant to the Commission’s January 16, 2007, order in Docket No. 05-057-T01 (“Order”).¹ Paragraph 4 of the Order states:

Questar shall report to the Commission when the amount spent for any program reaches ninety percent of the budgeted amount, along with an estimate of the projected spending needed for the remainder of the year. To the extent the projected spending exceeds the original budgeted amount Questar must seek Commission approval for the higher projected levels of spending.

The Report states the ThermWise Builder Rebates program had reached 95% of its budget in October, and would likely exceed its annual budget by the end of the year. The Report further requests Commission approval for this higher than forecasted level of spending. Questar estimates total ThermWise Builder Rebates program spending could reach 112% of budget (\$3.1 million) through to the end of the year.

¹ See Docket No. 05-057-T01, *In the Matter of the Approval of the Conservation Enabling Tariff Adjustment Option and Accounting Orders*, Order, dated January 16, 2007.

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On December 16, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period requesting comments on Questar's request on or before January 3, 2014, with reply comments to be filed by January 10, 2014. The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") filed comments on January 3, 2014. No other party filed comments in this matter.

COMMENTS

The Division states the higher than expected spending for the Builder Rebates program is due to higher participation in furnace and 2X6 wall rebate measures. The Division concludes the \$3.1 million expected increase in expenditures for the Builder Rebates program is in the public interest and recommends the Commission approve Questar's request. The Division notes the other energy efficiency programs are expected to come in under budget and the total spent for all energy efficiency programs will be less than budgeted for 2013.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the Report, and the recommendation of the Division, the Commission finds the requested budget increase for Questar's Builder Rebates program is in the public interest, and concludes the request complies with appropriate statutes, rules, and orders.

ORDER

1. Questar's increase in expected spending of \$3.1 million for the 2013 ThermWise Builders Rebate program is approved.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 22nd day of January, 2014.

/s/ Ron Allen, Chairman

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Thad LeVar, 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 22nd day of January, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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