

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar)
Gas Company to Amortize the Energy) DOCKET NO. 12-057-16
Efficiency Deferred Account Balance) ORDER SETTING FINAL RATES

ISSUED: February 4, 2013

SYNOPSIS

Based on the January 30, 2013, memorandum of the Division of Public Utilities providing the results of its audit, the Commission makes final the rates and charges originally set as interim by previous order.

By The Commission:

This matter is before the Commission on the recommendation of the Division of Public Utilities (Division) to make final the interim rates ordered as just and reasonable and in the public interest by the Commission in a prior order. These rates are set to recover costs associated with amortizing Questar Gas Company's (Questar or Company) Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance.

Based on Questar's application, the Division's recommendation, and the testimony presented at the hearing, on December 13, 2012, the Commission approved the Company's request to reduce the amortization rate for the Company's energy efficiency programs, with an effective date of December 1, 2012.¹ The Commission approved this rate on an interim basis pending a Division audit of Questar's actual energy efficiency program expenditures for the three month period ending September 2012.

¹ See Report and Order, and Erratum Report and Order, both issued December 13, 2012, in Docket No. 12-057-16.

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On January 30, 2013, the Division filed its audit results of Questar's actual energy efficiency program expenditures for the three month period ending September 2012. In its audit, the Division discovered several expenses were incorrectly coded to the Utah ThermWise program, totaling approximately \$1,093, which should have been coded to the Wyoming ThermWise program. The Division represents the Company verified the removal of these expenses from the Utah ThermWise program in December 2012. The Division further states it reconciled sampled invoices and supporting documentation to the amounts presented in Questar Exhibit 1.2, page 2, filed in the application. Based on the foregoing information, the Division recommends the Commission approve the rate changes requested in this docket as final rates.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on Questar's application, our December 13, 2012, decision, and the audit report and recommendation of the Division, we find the requested rate change for amortizing the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance is just and reasonable and in the public interest.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the interim rate change requested by Questar Gas Company to amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance in this docket be placed in effect on a final basis.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 4th day of February, 2013.

/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 HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 4th day of February, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing ORDER SETTING FINAL RATES, was served upon the following as indicated below:

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