

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of Questar Gas Company's )  
Report on DSM Expenditures and )  
Decatherm (Dth) Savings to Date )  
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DOCKET NO. 13-057-01

REPORT AND ORDER

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ISSUED: February 28, 2013

By The Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND DISCUSSION

This matter is before the Public service Commission of Utah ("Commission") on Questar Gas Company's ("Questar") Report on DSM Expenditures and Decatherm (Dth) Savings to Date filed with the Commission on January 4, 2013. In its report Questar explained that it projected the total 2012 ThermWise Builder Program ("Program") costs could reach \$3.2 million for 2012, which exceeded the total year budget of \$2,847,325. Questar also requested approval of the projected increase in spending on its ThermWise Builder Program. On January 7, 2013, and February 4, 2013, the Commission issued action requests to the Division of Public Utilities ("Division") requesting review and recommendations specifically asking about the likely cost-benefit effects of the budget overage.

On January 31, 2013, and February 21, 2013, the Division filed its analyses and recommendations, stating the increased participation levels the Total Resource Cost ("TRC") Benefit/Cost Ratio for the Program equaled .61, and the Utility Cost Test ("UCT") Benefit/Cost Ratio equaled 1.51. The Division recommends the Commission approve the increased level of expected expenditures based on the fact the program is expected to be cost effective from the UCT perspective. The Division explains its recommendation by noting the expected net present value of all expected benefits of the Program are greater than all of the costs incurred by Questar

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to administer the Program, including the cost of the incentives paid to participants. The Division does not state it has any concerns the Program is not cost effective from the TRC perspective.

In addition the Division notes the expenditures for all of the 2012 ThermWise Programs, of which the Builder Program is a part, are expected to remain under budget. The Division concludes the increased expenditures in the Program are in the public interest and recommends approval by the Commission.

Based upon the analysis and recommendations of the Division, the Commission finds the higher than budgeted level of spending for the 2012 ThermWise Builder Program is in the public interest.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. The increased level of spending for Questar's 2012 ThermWise Builder Program as reported by Questar and reviewed by the Division is approved.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing REPORT AND ORDER, was served upon the following as indicated below:

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