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Questar Rate Case

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Dear Sirs,

I represent a manufacturing plant, Fresenius Medical Care in Ogden. I am writing concerning the rate increases proposed in the Questar filing. I wrote a previous e-mail concerning my objections to the mandatory interruption and now would like to express my concerns over the large rate increases my company would receive (50%). In order for us to stay competitive in our market, we must hold our costs down. Utah as a whole has the same issue. Holding energy cost down helps Utah stay competitive in attracting new businesses and keeping existing business in state.

In my manufacturing plant, I am expected to know, reduce, and control costs so that an increase this substantial is not needed. In my experience a need for an increase of this magnitude would indicate that in the past costs were not being properly controlled. PSC should look very closely at the reason why this increase is hitting all at once. There has not been a change in the economy or Questar's operations sufficient to justify the extremely large increases being requested.

Holding energy cost down is critical to keeping my company and Utah competitive in the manufacturing and business sector. I would therefore hope that the Public Service Commission will very carefully evaluate the need for this very substantial rate increase. Questar is taking the position that current rates are skewed in favor of business clients. I feel that the full impact of a change of this magnitude is difficult to accurately predict. If there truly is a need to shift the charges, I suggest that it be done in smaller steps where the full impact to all customers and Questar can be better predicted.

In summary, due to the magnitude of the increase, I am requesting that PSC looked very carefully at the cause and justification for this increase and implement any justified increase in such a way that its true impact is well understood.

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