

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar)
Gas Company to Increase Distribution Rates) DOCKET NO. 13-057-05
and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications) THIRD ORDER MODIFYING
) SCHEDULING ORDER
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)

ISSUED: January 8, 2014

On December 13, 2013, the following parties submitted a partial settlement stipulation (“Stipulation”) in resolution of some of the issues raised in Questar Gas Company’s (“Questar”) verified application in this docket: Questar; the Division of Public Utilities; the Office of Consumer Services; the UAE Intervention Group; Nucor Steel-Utah, a division of Nucor Corporation; Utah Asphalt Pavement Association; and the Federal Executive Agencies. On December 18, 2013, the Industrial Gas Users Intervention Group also signed the Stipulation.

The Stipulation provides in part that, the “Company will file, in a separate docket, the depreciation study and will seek approval of new depreciation rates to become effective as ordered by the Commission.”¹ The Stipulation further states “[t]he Parties agree that upon approval of the new depreciation rates, these rates and reserve variance will be applied to the rate base in this Partial Settlement Agreement and the rate spread consistent with the results of the Settlement Model, and the revenue requirement and rates in this docket will be adjusted accordingly.” Pursuant to the Utah Code Ann. §§ 54-4-1 and 54-4-24, and the Stipulation, Questar filed an application on December 16, 2013, to change its depreciation rates in Docket No. 13-057-19, *In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company for Authority to Change its Depreciation Rates*.

¹ Stipulation at paragraph 29.

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The stipulating parties should come to the hearing in this docket scheduled for January 13-17, 2014, prepared to provide additional detail pursuant to the Stipulation and consistent with restrictions on single-issue ratemaking, about the accounting mechanism under which rates would be adjusted as a result of any potential changes to depreciation expense resulting from new depreciation rates approved by the Commission in Docket No. 13-057-19.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 8th day of January, 2014.

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 8th day of January, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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