

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar
Gas Company to Increase Distribution Rates
and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications

DOCKET NO. 13-057-05
ORDER ADDRESSING PILOT
PROGRAM

ISSUED: June 11, 2015

On April 1, 2015, the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) filed its initial Report on Changes to the Questar Gas Line Extension Policy (“Report”) required by the Commission’s February 21, 2014, Report and Order in Docket No. 13-057-05 (“2014 Order”). On April 16, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment period soliciting comments and reply comments on the Report by May 15 and May 29, 2015, respectively. No one filed comments on the Report.

We have reviewed the Division’s well-written, comprehensive Report and attached exhibits. We commend the Division for its detailed review and analysis of Questar’s current line extension policy. We also appreciate the Division’s efforts in auditing historical line extension cost information.

We recognize that after establishing a pilot program and Division reporting requirements in our 2014 order, the Legislature passed H.B. 171, Natural Gas Facilities Amendments (2014). Following that legislation, Questar submitted proposed tariffs in Docket No. 14-057-13, a docket that ultimately concluded with unopposed tariff revisions that we approved. We view these events as superseding the pilot program and reporting requirements we established in the 2014 Order.

We appreciate the efforts of all parties on these issues and we anticipate continued evaluation and oversight of line extension issues in the regular course of our regulatory proceedings.

ORDER

1. The line extension policy we established in the 2014 Order, as modified by the tariff changes we approved in Docket No. 14-057-13, is no longer a pilot program.
2. The December 31, 2016, pilot program expiration date from the 2014 Order is no longer effective.
3. The requirement that the Division provide an annual report on the line extension policy is no longer in effect.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 11th day of June, 2015.

/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 §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this written Order by filing a written request with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of this 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 does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, 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 §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 11th day of June, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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