

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Pass-Through  
Application of Questar Gas Company  
For an Adjustment in Rates and  
Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah,

Docket No. 13-057-07

In the Matter of the Application of  
Questar Gas Company to Amortize the  
Conservation Enabling Tariff  
Balancing Account,

Docket No. 13-057-08

In the Matter of the Application of  
Questar Gas Company to Amortize the  
Energy Efficiency Deferred Account  
Balance,

Docket No. 13-057-09

In the Matter of the Application  
Of Questar Gas Company for a Tariff  
Change and Adjustment to the Low  
Income Assistance/Energy  
Assistance Rate,

Docket No. 13-057-10

In the Matter of the Application of  
Questar Gas Company to Change the  
Infrastructure Rate Adjustment.

Docket No. 13-057-11

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HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Good morning. This is the time and the place for the duly noticed hearing for the following dockets: Docket No. 13-057-07, in the matter of the pass-through application of Questar Gas Company for an adjustment in rates and charges for natural gas service in Utah; Docket No. 13-057-08, in the matter of the application of Questar Gas Company to amortize the conservation enabling tariff Balancing account; Docket No. 13-057-09, in the matter of the application of Questar Gas Company to amortize the energy efficiency deferred account balance; 13-057-10, in the matter of the application of Questar Gas Company for a tariff change and adjustment to the low income assistance/energy assistance rate; and finally Docket No. 13-057-11, in the matter of the application of Questar Gas Company to change the infrastructure rate adjustment.

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And my name is Jordan White. The Commission asked me to act as the presiding officer for the hearing today. I want to inform parties that we are streaming live this morning. With that, let me go ahead and take appearances and maybe start down here with Mr. Coleman.

MR. COLEMAN: Brent Coleman for the Office of

1 Consumer Services.

2 MS. SCHMID: Patricia E. Schmid with the Attorney  
3 General's Office on behalf of the Division of Public Utilities, and  
4 with me is Douglas Wheelwright.

5 MS. CLARK: Jennifer Clark. I am here on behalf  
6 of Questar Gas Company, and I have with me Austin Summers,  
7 Kelly Mendenhall and Barry McKay, who will be speaking to  
8 some of the applications and/or available for questions should  
9 any arise.

10 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Thank you. Are there  
11 any procedural matters that we need to address before we  
12 proceed?

13 MS. CLARK: Mr. Mendenhall will be testifying--or  
14 will be offering summary and testimony for the 08, 09, 10 and  
15 11 dockets, and I don't know if you want to proceed with those  
16 separately or all together.

17 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Well, unless there is  
18 any objection, what I was thinking is it might make sense to deal  
19 with the 07 and 09 separately, and unless there is an objection,  
20 we can deal with the 08, 10 and 11 together. Is that--and,  
21 again, I am open to suggestions but I thought that would be, at  
22 least in my mind, to separate those out and deal with the others  
23 collectively.

24 MS. CLARK: That works.

25 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. With that, why

1 don't we begin with 13-057-07. Ms. Clark?

2 MS. CLARK: Mr. Summers is available to offer  
3 testimony and provide a summary.

4 AUSTIN SUMMERS, called as a witness and having  
5 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY-MS.CLARK:

8 Q. Mr. Summers, can you please state your name,  
9 your title, and your business address for the record?

10 A. My name is Austin Summers. I am a supervisor of  
11 regulatory affairs for Questar Gas Company and my business  
12 address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

13 Q. Did you participate in the preparation of the  
14 application in Docket No. 13-057-07?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. Can you please summarize the Company's request  
17 for relief in that docket?

18 A. Sure. In pass-through Docket No. 13-057-07,  
19 Questar Gas Company respectfully asked the Utah Public  
20 Service Commission for approval of \$559,218,635 in Utah gas  
21 cost coverage. This represents an overall decrease of  
22 \$34,193,000. The components of the decrease are \$37,162,000  
23 in commodity and an increase of \$2,969,000 in SNG costs.

24 Also, we are requesting amortization of the  
25 commodity portion of the actual July 2013 under-collected 191

1 account balance of \$3,075,588 by a 2.9 cents per decatherm  
2 debit surcharge.

3 We used the average of forecasted gas prices from  
4 two agencies; namely, PIRA Energy Group and Cambridge  
5 Energy Research Associates to develop the cost of purchase  
6 gas.

7 If this filing is allowed, a typical use on a GS  
8 customer using 80 decatherms per year will see a decrease of  
9 \$26.60, for a total annual decrease of about 3.71 percent.  
10 Therefore, we request the decrease proposed in commodity and  
11 SNG rates be allowed to go into effect as filed on October 1,  
12 2013, and that concludes my summary.

13 MS. CLARK: The Company would move for the  
14 admission of the data attached to the application and the  
15 application for the consideration by the Commission.

16 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection?

17 MS. SCHMID: None.

18 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. It's received.

19 MS. CLARK: Mr. Summers is available for  
20 questions.

21 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Schmid?

22 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

23 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Mr. Coleman.

24 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

25 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. With that,

1 does the Division have a witness on this matter?

2 MS. SCHMID: Yes, we do. The Division would like  
3 to call Douglas Wheelwright as our witness. Could he please be  
4 sworn?

5 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Yes.

6 DOUGLAS WHEELWRIGHT, called as a witness  
7 and having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
8 follows:

9 EXAMINATION

10 BY-MS.SCHMID:

11 Q. Mr. Wheelwright, could you please state your full  
12 name, employer, position, and business address for the record?

13 A. My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright. I am the  
14 technical consultant for the Division of Public Utilities. The  
15 business address is 160 East 300 South in Salt Lake City.

16 Q. Have you participated on behalf of the Division in  
17 this docket, Docket No. 13-057-07?

18 A. Yes, I have.

19 Q. Did you participate in the preparation of the filing of  
20 an action request response dated September 16, 2013?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 MS. SCHMID: With that, the Division would like to  
23 request the admission of its action request response, dated  
24 September 16, 2013. The Division notes that the action request  
25 response covered all five Dockets, 07, 08, 09, 10 and 11, and



1 requests that it be admitted, insofar as it refers to Docket No.  
2 07 at this time.

3 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection?

4 MS. CLARK: No.

5 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: It's received.

6 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Referring back, I just  
8 apologize, jumping back to Questar's document, are we just  
9 going to call that the attachment or do we want to signify that as  
10 Questar No. 1, or just the attachments?

11 MS. CLARK: Let's call it Questar No. 1 and make it  
12 all one exhibit, if that is okay.

13 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: All right, thanks.

14 BY MS. SCHMID:

15 Q. Mr. Wheelwright, do you have a summary to  
16 present today?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. Please proceed.

19 A. Thank you. Docket No. 13-057-07, the 191  
20 pass-through docket, asks for Commission approval to decrease  
21 the commodity components of rates and increase the supplier  
22 non gas component of natural gas rates for a net decrease of  
23 \$34.2 million. The requested reduction in a commodity cost is  
24 due to the reduction in the forward price curve for the 12-month  
25 period--test period, ending September 30, 2014.

1 As mentioned in the Division's memo and in  
2 previous proceedings, Questar Gas uses QEP services to gather  
3 the cost of service gas under the Wexpro Agreement. The  
4 charges under the systemwide gathering agreement are included  
5 in the Questar Gas rates as part of the its purchase gas cost in  
6 the 191 account, and the collection of those costs are included  
7 as part of the SNG rate.

8 The Commission would--should be aware that the  
9 calculation of the SNG rate for the test period is based on a  
10 lower gathering charge than the amount claimed by QEP and  
11 this issue is currently in litigation. It is the Division's  
12 understanding that Questar Gas has been paying a reduced  
13 gathering charge to QEP since June of 2012. Since the actual  
14 amount of the gathering charge is in dispute, there is a potential  
15 adjustment to rates pending the outcome of the litigation  
16 between the two companies. This issue may not be resolved for  
17 some time and could have an impact on future rates if the court  
18 determines that Questar should have paid the higher gathering  
19 charge.

20 This docket, if approved as submitted--if this docket  
21 is approved as submitted, a typical GS customer will realize a  
22 decrease in their annual bill of \$26.60. The Division  
23 recommends that the proposed rate be approved on an interim  
24 basis until a further audit of the 191 account can be completed.

25 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. Mr. Wheelwright is now

1 available for cross-examination and questions from the presiding  
2 officer.

3 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Thank you. Ms.  
4 Clark?

5 MS. CLARK: I have no questions.

6 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Mr. Coleman?

7 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

8 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Thank you. Mr.  
9 Coleman, do you have a witness for the Office on this docket?

10 MR. COLEMAN: Not on this particular docket.

11 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. Let's go ahead  
12 and move onto 13-057-9. Ms. Clark?

13 MS. CLARK: Questar Gas Company has Kelly  
14 Mendenhall here to offer a summary, foundational information  
15 and also to answer questions.

16 KELLY MENDENHALL, called as a witness and  
17 having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

18 EXAMINATION

19 BY-MS.CLARK:

20 Q. Mr. Mendenhall, would you state your name your  
21 title and your business address for the record, please?

22 A. Kelly Mendenhall, director of regulatory affairs, and  
23 333 South State.

24 Q. Did you participate in the preparation of the  
25 application in Docket No. 13-057-09?

1 A. I did.

2 Q. Could you please summarize the Company's  
3 request for relief in that docket?

4 A. Sure. In Docket No. 13-057-09, the application of  
5 Questar Gas Company to amortize the energy efficiency  
6 deferred account balance, the Company proposes to increase  
7 the amortization amount \$24.4 million dollar to \$37.7 million.  
8 Over the past year, it's the Company's goal to draw the balance  
9 in this account down to close to zero by the spring of 2014, and  
10 due to higher expenditures this year in our--particularly in our  
11 installation programs, the Company must increase the amount  
12 it's collecting from customers to be able to reach this goal of  
13 drawing that balance down by the spring of next year.

14 So this change in the rate will result in a \$10.94 or  
15 1.53 percent annual increase to the typical general service  
16 customer's bill. The Company's requesting that these changes  
17 be made effective October 1, 2013, and that concludes my  
18 summary.

19 MS. CLARK: The Company moves for the  
20 admission of the application and attachments in this docket.

21 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection?

22 MS. SCHMID: No.

23 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: It's received. Let's go  
24 ahead and call that Questar No. 2.

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you, perfect. Mr. Mendenhall

1 is available for questions.

2 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Schmid?

3 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

4 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Mr. Coleman?

5 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

6 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. Just so you  
7 know, I have no questions right now, but if it is okay with  
8 everyone, I will reserve my right to question, kind of the total  
9 packet as it were of things.

10 Okay, so let's proceed with Docket No. 13-057-08,  
11 13-057-10 and 13-057--

12 MR. COLEMAN: Hearing Officer, the Office has a  
13 witness in the 09 Docket.

14 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: I'm sorry about that. I  
15 apologize let me stop here for a second, Mr. Coleman.

16 MS. SCHMID: And the Division does, as well.

17 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: I'm sorry.

18 MR. COLEMAN: At this time, the Office would call  
19 Mr. Gavin Mangelson.

20 GAVIN MANGELSON, called as a witness and  
21 having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

22 EXAMINATION

23 BY-MR.COLEMAN:

24 Q. Mr. Mangelson, would you please state your name,  
25 occupational title and business address for the record?

1 A. Gavin Mangelson, utility analyst for the Utah Office  
2 of Consumer Services, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City,  
3 Utah.

4 Q. Mr. Mangelson, on September 13, 2013, the Office  
5 filed initial comments consisting of discussion and comment,  
6 totalling three pages in Docket 13-057-09; is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Were you involved in the preparation of those  
9 comments?

10 A. Yes, I was.

11 Q. And then at this time, does the Office have any  
12 changes or other modifications it wishes to make to those  
13 September 13, 2013 comments?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Do you adopt those comments as your testimony in  
16 this proceeding?

17 A. I do.

18 MR. COLEMAN: Mr. Examiner, at this time, I  
19 request that the Office's initial comments, dated September 13,  
20 2013, be accepted into the record?

21 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection?

22 MS. CLARK: No.

23 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: They are received.

24 MR. COLEMAN: At this time, the Office has no  
25 further statements or testimony to proffer. Mr. Mangelson is

1 available for cross-examination or to answer questions from the  
2 Division.

3 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Clark?

4 MS. CLARK: No questions.

5 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Schmid?

6 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

7 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: And your witness, Ms.  
8 Schmid?

9 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
10 to call Mr. Douglas Wheelwright.

11 DOUGLAS WHEELWRIGHT, called as a witness  
12 and having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
13 follows:

14 EXAMINATION

15 BY-MS.SCHMID:

16 Q. Mr. Wheelwright, could you please your full name,  
17 position, employer, and business address for the record?

18 A. Doulas D. Wheelwright. I am a technical consultant  
19 with the Division of Public Utilities. The business address is  
20 160 East 300 South in Salt Lake City.

21 Q. Did you assist in the preparation of the Division's  
22 action request response, dated September 16, 2013, that--in  
23 addition to other dockets addressed, Docket No. 13-057-09?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. Do you have a summary statement?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. Please proceed.

3 A. Docket No. 13-057-09, known as the DSM, or  
4 Demand Side Management efficiency program, asks for  
5 Commission approval to increase the amortization amount due  
6 to the increase in the expenditures for the weatherization  
7 portion of this program.

8 If approved by the Commission, the typical GS  
9 customer will see an increase in their annual bill of \$10.94 per  
10 year. The Division recommends that the rate be approved for  
11 this program on an interim basis.

12 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to request  
13 admission of its action request response, dated September 16,  
14 2013, insofar as it refers to Docket No. 13-05-09.

15 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection? It's  
16 received.

17 MS. SCHMID: Mr. Wheelwright is available for  
18 cross-examination or questions from the Hearing Officer.

19 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

20 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Thank you. Okay,  
21 now we can go to the other dockets. We are talking about  
22 13-057-08, 10 and 11. Ms. Clark?

23 MS. CLARK: The Company would also call Mr.  
24 Mendenhall on these documents, as well.

25 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay, you have been



1 sworn.

2 EXAMINATION

3 BY-MS.CLARK:

4 Q. Mr. Mendenhall, would you please summarize the  
5 relief requested in the dockets referenced?

6 A. Yes, I will. In Docket No. 13-057-08 the application  
7 of Questar Gas Company to amortize the conservation enabling  
8 tariff balancing account, the Company proposes to amortize the  
9 July 2013 under collected balance of \$114,165.

10 This under collection amounts to a \$2.8 million of  
11 an increase in the amount that is currently being collected  
12 through the conservation enabling tariff. This change in the rate  
13 will result in a \$2.56 or .36 annual increase to the typical  
14 general service customer using 80 decatherms per year to their  
15 bill.

16 In Docket No. 13-057-10, the application of Questar  
17 Gas Company for a tariff change and adjustment to the low  
18 income assistance/energy assistance rates, Questar is  
19 proposing to make small changes to the energy assistance rates  
20 so that the Company will be collecting the Commission approved  
21 \$1.5 million, and the Company is also proposing to change the  
22 annual energy assistance credit to qualifying low income  
23 customers to \$62.50. The proposed change in rates will result in  
24 an 86 decrease in a typical customer's annual bill.

25 In Docket No. 13-057-11, the application of Questar

1 Gas Company to change the infrastructure rate adjustment, the  
2 Company is proposing to adjust the infrastructure rate to include  
3 investment related to high pressure infrastructure replacement  
4 project that occurred since October, 2012. The majority of this  
5 investment comes from three feeder line projects; feeder line 14  
6 in Tooele, feeder line 15 in Croydan and feeder line in  
7 Butterfield Canyon. The Company is requesting a \$3.6 million  
8 annual increase in revenue. If approved, this would increase a  
9 typical GS customer's annual bill by \$3.05 or 4.3 percent.

10 The Company's requesting that all of these  
11 proposed changes be made effective October 1, 2013. And the  
12 impact of these three dockets, along with Docket 13-057-07 and  
13 Docket 13-057-09, will result in an overall decrease to the  
14 typical general service customer bill of about \$10.01 per year,  
15 or 1.4 percent decrease, and that concludes my summary.

16 Q. Mr. Mendenhall, would you please confirm or tell us  
17 whether you participated in the preparation of the applications  
18 and attachments in Dockets No. 13-057-08, 13-057-10 and  
19 13-057-11?

20 A. Yes, I did participate in their preparation.

21 MS. CLARK: The Company would move for the  
22 admission of each of those with their attachments as exhibits in  
23 this hearing. We can do 3, 4, 5, I think is where we are.

24 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection? They  
25 are received.

1 MS. CLARK: Mr. Mendenhall is available for any  
2 questions.

3 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Schmid?

4 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

5 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

6 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Schmid?

7 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
8 to call Mr. Douglas Wheelwright as its witness in Dockets No.  
9 08, 10 and 11. Could he please be sworn?

10 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: You have been sworn  
11 in twice but now you really have to tell the truth.

12 EXAMINATION

13 BY-MS.SCHMID:

14 Q. Mr. Wheelwright, can you please state your full  
15 name, position, employer and business address for the record?

16 A. Douglas D. Wheelwright. I am a technical  
17 consultant with the Division of Public Utilities. My business  
18 address is 160 East 300 South in Salt Lake City.

19 Q. Did you participate in the preparation of the  
20 Division's action request response dated September 16, insofar  
21 as it relates to Dockets No. 13-057-08, 13-057-10, 13-057-11?

22 A. Yes, I did.

23 Q. Do you have a summary?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. Please proceed.

1           A.       Thank you. Docket No. 13-057-08, known at the  
2       CET or Conservation Enabling Tariff, asked for Commission  
3       approval to amortize the July 2013 under collected balance of  
4       \$114,165. The Division has reviewed and supports the  
5       application and the calculations as submitted by the Company.  
6       If this docket is approved as submitted, a typical GS customer  
7       will realize an increase in their annual bill of \$2.56.

8                       In Docket No. 13-057-10, this is a request to adjust  
9       the low income assistance rate component of a DNG rate and  
10      increase the annual amount of assistance available to qualifying  
11      customers. Due to the lower than anticipated participation in  
12      the previous year, the low income assistance amount is  
13      proposed to increase from \$41 to \$62.50. The effect of the  
14      proposed rate on a typical GS residential customer who does  
15      not qualify for assistance will be a decrease of 8¢ per year in  
16      their annual bill.

17                     Docket No. 13-057-11 is a request to increase the  
18      infrastructure rate component of the DNG rates for all  
19      customers. The Division has not reviewed the detailed invoices  
20      used by the Company in deriving the dollar amounts that are  
21      included in this filing, and, therefore, recommends that these  
22      rates be approved on an interim basis. The effect of the  
23      proposed rates on a typical GS residential customer will be an  
24      increase in their increase of annual bill of \$3.05 per year.

25                     In summary, the Division supports and recommends

1 the rate changes requested in docket--in all the five dockets,  
2 13-057-07, 08, 9, 10 and 11, with the exception of Docket No.  
3 13-057-09, the proposed rates should be approved on an interim  
4 basis until the Division has completed an audit of the individual  
5 entries in the respective accounts.

6 While each of the dockets is presented  
7 independently, the Division has completed a summary of the  
8 combined impact of the five dockets on a typical, a typical  
9 customer's bill. If all the dockets are approved, a typical  
10 customer will see a net decrease in their annual bill of,  
11 approximately, \$10.01 per year or 1.4 percent.

12 The Division believes the requested changes are in  
13 the public interest and represent just and reasonable rates.

14 MS. SCHMID: With that, the Division requests the  
15 admission of the action request response, insofar as it relates to  
16 Dockets -08, -10 and -11?

17 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection?

18 MS. CLARK: No objection.

19 MR. COLEMAN: No.

20 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Received.

21 MS. SCHMID: Mr. Wheelwright is now available for  
22 questions.

23 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Mr. Coleman?

24 MR. COLEMAN: The Office has none.

25 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Clark.

1 MS. CLARK: I have no questions.

2 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: I just have one  
3 question. You indicated that with the exception of the 09  
4 docket, that you recommend an approval on an interim basis. Is  
5 there a reason for the distinction for that docket?

6 MR. WHEELWRIGHT: That's the low income. It's a  
7 fixed dollar amount every year. The only thing that varies is the  
8 number of participants and we have received the information to  
9 identify the number of participants. I don't believe that needs to  
10 be--we need to have a complete audit of that particularly  
11 account.

12 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. Mr. Coleman?

13 MR. COLEMAN: At this time, the Office would call  
14 Ms. Cheryl Murray.

15 CHERYL MURRAY, called as a witness and having  
16 been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY-MR.COLEMAN:

19 Q. Ms. Murray, will you please state your name and  
20 occupational title and business address for the record?

21 A. My name is Cheryl Murray. I'm a utility analyst with  
22 the Office of Consumer Services. My address is 160 East 300  
23 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

24 Q. Ms. Murray, on September 16, 2013, the Office  
25 filed initial comments consisting of discussion and comment

1 totally two pages in Docket 13-057-10; is that correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. Were you involved in the preparation of those  
4 comments?

5 A. Yes, I was.

6 Q. At this time, does the Office have any changes or  
7 other modification it wishes to make to the September 16, 2013  
8 comments?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Do you adopt those comments as your testimony in  
11 this proceeding?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 MR. COLEMAN: With that, the Office would  
14 request that the Office's initial comments, dated September 16,  
15 2013, be accepted into the record.

16 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Any objection?

17 MS. CLARK: No.

18 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: They are received.

19 MR. COLEMAN: The Office has no further  
20 statement or testimony to proffer and Ms. Murray is available for  
21 cross-examination or answer questions.

22 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Schmid?

23 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

24 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Ms. Clark?

25 MS. CLARK: I don't have any question of Ms.

1 Murray, but I would seek clarification of Mr. Wheelwright as to  
2 which docket they are recommending in term rates, and it is  
3 probably not the correct time now. There was a reference to the  
4 09 docket, which is the energy efficiency docket, but then there  
5 was also reference to low income and I just want the record to  
6 be clear.

7 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: That is fine. I think  
8 we have gone through the witnesses so I think that is a fine  
9 time, if it is okay with Ms. Schmid or Mr. Wheelwright to clarify.

10 MS. SCHMID: Certainly, it would be an ideal time.

11 MR. WHEELWRIGHT: Yes, I was mistaken. The  
12 low income assistance docket is Docket No. 10.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you. May I have just one  
14 moment? We have nothing further, thank you.

15 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay, thank you. Why  
16 don't we go ahead and take a ten minute recess until 10:40 and  
17 reconceive.

18 (A discussion was held off the record.)

19 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. I just had a  
20 few followup questions. The first one, going back to Docket  
21 13-057-10, this is actually a question for Mr. Mendenhall, I want  
22 to make sure I--when you--during your testimony, your summary  
23 of your testimony, you--I thought I heard you say that the low  
24 income customers will receive an annual credit in their bills of  
25 \$62,50; is that the number of is it 61? Because on your



1 application, you had the--I want to make sure we have the right-  
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3 MR. MENDENHALL: The application is correct.  
4 Hold on a second, let me look at the application.

5 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: No problem.

6 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah, it is \$61.50, I apologize  
7 for that.

8 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay, no problem.  
9 And also on the low income docket, which is 13-057-10, I  
10 apologize, I don't know if--I think, I believe it was Mr.  
11 Wheelwright's testimony, but in the comments, there was a  
12 reference to meeting with the Division and the Office and  
13 Questar regarding the change. Was there any discussion with  
14 the low income task force or I just want to make sure I  
15 understand the discussion surrounding this.

16 MS. CLARK: Mr. Mendenhall can speak to that.

17 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay, that is great.

18 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes, so I guess the agreement  
19 when we when this docket, or this rate, was originally created is  
20 that we would meet annually with the low income task force. So  
21 we actually sent out an email to the task force, as well as an  
22 invitation, and of those parties invited, only the Division and  
23 Office chose to attend.

24 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay.

25 MR. MENDENHALL: So they were invited but the

1 only parties that were there were the Division and the Office.

2 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. Okay, that is  
3 all, thank you. And then the final question, this is again for Mr.  
4 Wheelwright, I believe you mentioned at one point in your  
5 testimony, you touched upon an the issue of the disputed QEP  
6 gathering charges. Is it the Division's understanding that there  
7 would be any approval or pre-approval or judgment with respect  
8 to those disputed charges in this docket if the Commission were  
9 to approve?

10 MR. WHEELWRIGHT: No, we are not saying that  
11 those are approved in any way. We are just making the  
12 Commission aware there is a dispute going on, that the  
13 Company is paying the lower rate and that it may impact rates in  
14 the future.

15 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. Is there  
16 anything you wanted to add to that or--

17 MS. CLARK: No.

18 MS. SCHMID: I have one more thing.

19 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Yes.

20 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to request,  
21 based on Mr. Mendenhall's recent statement, the \$62.50, on the  
22 second page of its memo, to \$61.50, under the paragraph  
23 pertaining to Docket No. 13-057-10, and I would like to ask Mr.  
24 Wheelwright if he agrees with that correction.

25 MR. WHEELWRIGHT: Yes, I do.

1 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: So do you want to  
2 make that an errata to your--that is to your memo. Right?

3 MS. SCHMID: That's the Division's memo, yes.

4 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. I have no  
5 objection to just receiving that as an errata to that. Okay.

6 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Okay. I appreciate  
8 everyone's participation today. Having considered Questar's  
9 application, the comments filed and the dockets, testimony  
10 presented today, and the fact that the application is unopposed,  
11 the Commission approves the application in 13-035-07,  
12 13-035-08, 13-035-09, 13-035-10, 13-035-11, on an interim  
13 basis until such time as the Division completes an audit and  
14 signatories with respect to counsel. After the completion of the  
15 audit, the Commission directs the Division to issue memos to  
16 the Commission with its recommendations on making the  
17 requested rate changes in the dockets permanent. The  
18 Commission--

19 MS. SCHMID: Pardon me, did you mean to say  
20 docket 057 as the middle three numbers? I thought I heard 035.

21 HEARING OFFICER WHITE: Yes, 13-057-07,  
22 13-057-08, 13-057-09, 13-057-10, 13-057-11. I appreciate the  
23 clarification. The Commission will issue an order memorializing  
24 the bench orders in due course. Is there any procedural matters  
25 that need to be addressed before we adjourn?

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MS. CLARK: The Company has one procedural matter that I think would be appropriately dealt with off the record. We think it is a good opportunity.  
(A discussion was held off the record.)  
(The hearing was concluded at 11:00 a.m.)

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That said deposition was taken at the time and place herein named;

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