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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: September 24, 2014

Re: **Tariff Modification Filing to the ThermWise Builder Rebate Program in Docket No. 13-057-14. The Division's Review and Recommendation – Approval.**

### RECOMMEND APPROVAL

After review of the tariff sheets filed in docket 13-057-14, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) approve the tariff sheets with an effective date of October 8, 2014.

### ISSUE

On January 2, 2014, the Commission issued its Report and Order (Order) in Docket No. 13-057-14 approving certain tariff updates to Questar Gas Company's (Company) 2014 Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative. In that Order the Commission approved the Builder Rebate Program except for the language pertaining to the Builder Rebates program rebate credit. The Order directed the Company, when it was ready to implement the rebate credit component, to file the necessary tariff language change for approval and compliance with the Commission Order.

On September 8, 2014, the Company filed an application to make tariff modifications to the ThermWise Builder Rebate Program (section 2.11). On September 10, 2014, the Commission

issued a notice of filing and comment period calling for parties to submit their comments to the Commission by September 24, 2014. This memorandum is the Division's response to the Commission's Notice.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Commission issued an Order on January 2, 2014 approving the application and amendments except for the language pertaining to the Builder Rebates program rebate credit. The Commission approved the rebate credit; and ordered that thirty days prior to the implementation of the rebate credit component of the Builder Rebates program, the Company shall file the necessary tariff language change for approval and compliance with the Commission's order.

In its application the Company proposed some minor changes to the tariff language that was included in the original application. The Company proposes to include 2 x 6 (R20 insulation value) walls along with the furnaces as rebate credit eligible measures. This inclusion is proposed in order for the Company to use the United States Department of Energy's REScheck software for verification of rebate qualifying equipment. In the original application the Company also proposed a storage water heater as one of the qualifying measures, but is withdrawing this measure in the proposed tariff since storage water heaters are not qualifying equipment on REScheck paperwork. The proposed tariff also added language that clearly describes the process a builder needs to follow in order to receive a rebate credit and the consequence if the builder does not install the qualifying equipment. The Division concurs with these language changes.

The Division has reviewed the updated tariff sheets filed on September 8, 2014 and finds that the attached sheets are consistent with those contained in Docket No. 13-057-14 as approved by the Commission.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Division recommends the Commission accept the tariff sheets as submitted.

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