

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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In the Matter of the Application of Questar )  
Gas Company for Approval of the 2014 ) DOCKET NO. 13-057-14  
Year Budget for Energy Efficiency ) REPORT AND ORDER  
Programs and Market Transformation ) APPROVING THE BUILDER REBATES  
Initiative ) PROGRAM 2014 BUDGET INCREASE  
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ISSUED: November 10, 2014

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) on Questar Gas Company’s (“Questar”) September 30, 2014, report on demand side management (DSM) expenditures and decatherm (Dth) savings to date (“Report”), filed pursuant to the Commission’s January 12, 2010, order (“2010 Order”) in Docket No. 09-057-15.<sup>1</sup> Ordering paragraph 1 of the 2010 Order states:

In addition to the current requirement that Questar report to the Commission when any DSM program reaches 90% of its budget, if any DSM program reaches fifty percent (50%) of its budget before June 2010 or eighty percent (80%) by August 2010, Questar must notify the Commission.

The Report states the Builder Rebates program had reached 83% of its budget in July, and would likely exceed its annual budget by the end of the year. Questar estimates total Builder Rebates program spending could reach 139% of budget (\$3.9 million) through the remainder of 2014. The Report also states the Business Rebates program is forecast to spend 142% of the approved 2014 budget. The Report requests Commission approval for the higher than forecasted level of spending for these programs.

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<sup>1</sup> See Docket No. 09-057-15, *In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Fourth Year Budget for 2010 Demand-Side Management Programs and Market Transformation Initiative* (Order; January 12, 2010).

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On October 7, 2014, the Commission issued an action request to the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”). On October 30, 2014, the Division filed a reply to the action request recommending approval of the requested budget increase for the Builder Rebates program.

COMMENTS

The Division states the higher than expected spending for the Builder Rebates program is due to higher than forecasted participation by builders for the 95% efficient furnace rebate measure in both the single and multi-family market segments. The Division concludes the requested \$3.9 million budget for the Builder Rebates program is in the public interest and recommends the Commission approve Questar’s request. The Division notes the other energy efficiency programs, except for the Business Rebates program, are expected to come in under budget and the total spent for all energy efficiency programs will likely be close to 99% of the amount budgeted for 2014.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the Report, and the recommendation of the Division, the Commission finds the requested budget increase for Questar’s Builder Rebates program is in the public interest, and concludes the request complies with appropriate statutes, rules, and orders.

ORDER

We approve Questar's increase in expected spending of \$3.9 million for the 2014 Builder Rebates program.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

/s/ Ron Allen, Chairman

/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 Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the 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 fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, 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 Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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