

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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In the Matter of the  
Application of Questar Gas  
Company to Amortize the Conservation Enabling Tariff  
Balancing Account Docket No. 13-057-16

In the Matter of the  
Application of Questar Gas  
Company to Change the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Docket No. 13-057-17

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: Go ahead and go on the  
3 record. Anyone else we're waiting for or are we--okay.

4 Good morning. This is the time and the place for  
5 the duly noticed hearing in the following dockets: Docket  
6 No. 13-057-16, In the Matter of the Application of Questar  
7 Company--Questar Gas Company to amortize the Conservation  
8 Enabling Tariff Balancing Account; and Docket No. 13-057-17,  
9 In the Matter of Application of Questar Gas Company to  
10 Change the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment.

11 My name is Jordan White. The Commission has asked  
12 me to act as a presiding officer for these hearings. I want  
13 to inform the parties I have a recording, along with the  
14 court reporter who is here today also.

15 Let's go ahead and--go ahead and take appearances.  
16 We'll start over here with Questar.

17 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Jenniffer Nelson Clark  
18 appearing on behalf of Questar Gas Company. And I have with  
19 me Kelly Mendenhall.

20 MS. SCHMID: Patricia E. Schmid with the attorney  
21 general's office representing the Division of Public  
22 Utilities. And with me is Carolyn Roll.

23 And Hearing Officer White, I have a hard time  
24 hearing you. Is your microphone on?

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: Is it on? Can you hear me?

1 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thanks for pointing that  
3 out.

4 MR. COLEMAN: Brent Coleman with the attorney  
5 general's office on behalf of the Office of Consumer  
6 Services. And with me I have Danny Martinez.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

8 Okay. Why don't we go ahead and start with the 16  
9 docket, which is the CET docket. This is Questar's  
10 application, so Ms. Clark, why don't you go ahead and  
11 proceed if that's okay.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. I have Kelly Mendenhall  
13 with me to testify on behalf of the Company. Don't know if  
14 you want to swear him.

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah, that'd be great.

16 Why don't you go ahead and raise your right hand.  
17 Do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing  
18 but the truth?

19 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes.

20 KELLY MENDENHALL,  
21 being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
22 follows:

23 EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. CLARK:

25 Q Could you please state your full name and your

1 business address for the record?

2 A Sure. My name is Kelly Mendenhall. I'm the  
3 director of regulatory affairs for Questar Gas. And my  
4 address is 333 South State, Salt Lake City, Utah.

5 Q And what position do you hold at Questar Gas?

6 A Director of regulatory affairs.

7 Q Thank you. In that capacity, did you oversee and  
8 participate in the preparation of the application and  
9 exhibits submitted in this docket?

10 A Yes, I did.

11 Q And were you also able to review the action  
12 request response submitted by the Division of Public  
13 Utilities on November 18th, 2013?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 Q And did you also review the memorandum submitted  
16 by the Office of Consumer Services dated November 22nd,  
17 2013?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q Do you adopt the application and its exhibits as  
20 your testimony today?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Can you please summarize the relief the Company  
23 has requested and also provide any response to comments set  
24 forth in the two memorandums referenced?

25 A Sure. In Docket No. 13-057-16, the application of

1 Questar Gas Company to amortize the conservation enabling  
2 tariff balancing account, the Company proposes to amortize  
3 the September 2013 undercollected balance of \$1.4 million.

4 This undercollection amounts to about a \$1.3 million  
5 increase in the amount that is currently being collected  
6 through the conservation enabling tariff. And this change  
7 in the rate will result in a \$1.20, or about 0.17 percent,  
8 annual increase to the typical general service customer's  
9 bill.

10 On November 22nd, the Office of Consumer Services  
11 filed a memo that raised some concerns regarding how the CET  
12 mechanism was working. The Company's had the opportunity to  
13 meet with both the Division and the Office and--to explain  
14 that the CET mechanism is working as it was designed and  
15 intended.

16 The Company is requesting that the proposed  
17 changes be made effective December 1st, 2013.

18 That concludes my summary.

19 MS. CLARK: The Company would move for the  
20 admission of its application and the attached exhibits as  
21 Questar--or let's call it QGC Exhibit 1.

22 THE HEARING OFFICER: Any objections?

23 It's received.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: Do we have--

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

3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Schmid?

4 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

5 MR. COLEMAN: The Office has nothing.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Schmid?

7 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
8 to call Ms. Carolyn Roll as its witness. Could Ms. Roll  
9 please be sworn?

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Raise your right hand. Do  
11 you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but  
12 the truth?

13 MS. ROLL: Yes.

14 CAROLYN ROLL,  
15 being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
16 follows:

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. SCHMID:

19 Q Good morning.

20 A Good morning.

21 Q Could you please state by whom you are employed,  
22 your position, and your business address?

23 A Yes. My name is Carolyn Roll, R-o-l-l. And I am  
24 a utility analyst with the Division of Public Utilities. My  
25 business address is 160 East 300 South in Salt Lake City,



1 Utah.

2 Q Thank you. On behalf of the Division, have you  
3 participated in this docket, Docket No. 13-057-16?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q Did you participate in the preparation and filing  
6 of the Division's memorandum dated November 18th, 2013, that  
7 covered both Docket No. 13-057-16 and 13-057-17?

8 A Yes, I did.

9 Q Do you have any changes or corrections to that  
10 memorandum?

11 A I do not.

12 Q Do you adopt that memorandum as your testimony in  
13 this 16 docket?

14 A Yes, I do.

15 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to request  
16 the admission of what the Division would call DPU Hearing  
17 Exhibit 1. And that would be the November 18th memorandum  
18 that covers both Docket 16 and Docket 17.

19 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.  
20 Any objections to receipt of that evidence?

21 MS. CLARK: No.

22 THE HEARING OFFICER: It's received.

23 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

24 BY MS. SCHMID:

25 Q Do you have a summary to prepare--to give today?

1 A Yes, I do.

2 Q Please proceed.

3 A Thank you. Docket No. 13-057-16, known as the  
4 CET, or conservation enabling tariff, asks for the  
5 Commission approval to amortize the September 2013  
6 undercollected balance of 1,443,547. The Division has  
7 reviewed--reviewed and supports the application and the  
8 calculations as submitted by the Company. And if this  
9 docket is approved as submitted, a typical--excuse me--GS  
10 customer will realize an increase of--in their annual bill  
11 of \$1.20.

12 In response to the--the memo from the Office, the  
13 Division had agreed that we should evaluate the concerns  
14 that the--the Office brought up. And we did meet with the  
15 Company, as Mr. Mendenhall stated, and we are in agreement  
16 that the CET is operating as intended.

17 That concludes my summary.

18 Q Ms. Roll, is it the Division's testimony and  
19 position that the CET numbers be adopted on an interim basis  
20 in this docket?

21 A Yes. Those numbers will be reviewed when the  
22 audit is completed by the Division, and at that time we will  
23 request that they become permanent.

24 Q Thank you.

25 Ms. Roll is now available for questions.

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Clark?

2 MS. CLARK: I have no questions. Thank you.

3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Coleman?

4 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: And I will probably have  
6 questions for--along with Mr. Mendenhall after--after we get  
7 through with the Office.

8 Okay. Mr. Coleman?

9 MR. COLEMAN: The Office would call Mr. Martinez.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Go ahead and raise your  
11 right hand. Do you solemnly swear to tell the whole truth  
12 and nothing but the truth?

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

14 DAN MARTINEZ,

15 being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
16 follows:

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. COLEMAN:

19 Q Would you state your name and business address for  
20 the record, please?

21 A My name is Dan Martinez. I am a utility analyst  
22 with the Office of Consumer Services.

23 Q Business address?

24 A My business address is 160 East 300 South in Salt  
25 Lake City, Utah.

1 Q Did you prepare the memorandum submitted November  
2 22nd, 2013, in Docket 13-057-16 on behalf of the Office?

3 A I did.

4 Q Can you summarize the Office's position with  
5 respect to this docket?

6 A Yes. The Office had concerns for potential  
7 unintended consequences due to migration of customers from  
8 the GS class to the TS class. We have met with the Company  
9 and at this time do not oppose the application of the  
10 Company. And they have explained circumstances around  
11 this--these concerns.

12 Q Do you have any changes to the memorandum dated  
13 November 22nd, 2013?

14 A No.

15 Q Do you have any--anything further to summarize the  
16 Office's position?

17 A No.

18 MR. COLEMAN: At this time the Office would move  
19 for admission of the November 22nd, 2013--

20 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. Didn't hear.

21 MR. COLEMAN: --would move admission of the  
22 November 22nd, 2013, memo into the record.

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: Any objections?

24 MS. CLARK: No.

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: Hearing none, it's received.

1 Why don't we go ahead just--everyone's calling it, I guess,  
2 Office Hearing Exhibit 1.

3 MR. COLEMAN: Sure.

4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Great.

5 Any cross, Ms. Clark?

6 MS. CLARK: No, thank you.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Schmid?

8 MS. SCHMID: None.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: I do have a couple of  
10 questions. I'll just go ahead and start off with the  
11 Division, Ms. Roll. The concerns outlined in the  
12 Office--Office's memorandum, how--what is the--I guess the  
13 Division's plan to address those? I mean, I know there's  
14 going to be an audit, and from my understanding, there has  
15 not been an audit yet on the CET. Is it the Division's  
16 intention that there would be an audit on the accounting  
17 along with an actual evaluation of the design of the  
18 mechanism?

19 MS. ROLL: Well, the audit of the CET is verifying  
20 the number of customers that are in the GS class, because at  
21 the time of the last rate case, the Commission ordered the  
22 level of revenue that was collected per customer was set in  
23 that order. So that does not change, and it hasn't changed,  
24 and that's what's been verified.

25 So as far as any additional--I mean . . .

1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah, I guess what I'm  
2 asking is--I mean, I agree that--I mean, the tariff is what  
3 it is, and--you know, that's, you know, essentially what  
4 you're verifying is, you know, the accounting number of  
5 customers, I guess, basically the delta between what's  
6 allowed and what was--you know, etc.

7 I guess I just am wondering: In looking at the  
8 Office's memorandum, they talk about these concerns, and it  
9 says, "The Division agrees that these topics warrant  
10 additional evaluation and has represented to the  
11 Office . . . it will address our concerns in its ongoing  
12 investigation." Is "the investigation" meaning the audit  
13 that would address the concerns, which in my mind, I  
14 guess--I see them as design issues. Is that . . .

15 MS. ROLL: From the Division's perspective, our  
16 investigation was meeting with the Company--

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

18 MS. ROLL: --to go through and verify that it is  
19 working as--as ordered.

20 THE HEARING OFFICER: So those have been  
21 addressed, then, meaning the concerns that--those have been  
22 addressed by meeting with the Company and--okay.

23 MS. ROLL: From the Division's perspective, yes.

24 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Is that also,  
25 Mr. Martinez, the Office's perspective, that those have been

1 addressed, the concerns?

2 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes. I think that the Office's  
3 meeting with the Company yesterday addressed the concerns  
4 that we had with respect to this matter.

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Do you mind if I ask  
6 what--how those were addressed, I guess? I mean, the  
7 concerns are out there, but how--

8 MR. MARTINEZ: Sure.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: --other than just meeting?

10 MR. MARTINEZ: Absolutely. There were two things  
11 that I think that were--I think there was an understanding  
12 by myself personally that the CET was to only--the  
13 decoupling mechanism within the CET was to pick up DSM  
14 savings only. The Company explained that that was not the  
15 case, there was full decoupling mechanism--

16 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. There was a what  
17 mechanism?

18 MR. MARTINEZ: I'm sorry.

19 THE REPORTER: Slow down a little bit.

20 MR. MARTINEZ: There was a decoupling mechanism, a  
21 full decoupling mechanism in place which recovers other  
22 revenues besides DSM savings-derived revenues.

23 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

24 MR. MARTINEZ: And so that was cleared up.

25 And then the second point of the--the Company

1 explained the CET mechanism, the accounting, which gave us a  
2 better understanding of how the CET was collecting, and then  
3 how they were booking the revenues within the GS class,  
4 which also helped us to understand how the mechanism was  
5 working. We did not oppose the way the accounting was  
6 working. We just needed to understand how those savings and  
7 revenues were derived.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.

9 Is there anything additional you want to add,  
10 Mr. Mendenhall, or--

11 MR. MENDENHALL: I would love to, if I could just  
12 maybe explain--

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Sure.

14 MR. MENDENHALL: --maybe give you a quick synopsis  
15 of what we talked to the Division and Office about.

16 So as Mr. Martinez said, and Ms. Roll, back in  
17 2009, when we set the allowed revenue per customer, that's--  
18 that's based on kind of a snapshot in time and--and it's  
19 based on an average amount of revenue per customer. But as  
20 time goes on, your customer mix is going to change. You  
21 know, every time you add a customer, a customer leaves, that  
22 customer mix is going to change.

23 And as was mentioned, it is a full decoupling  
24 mechanism, so it's designed to capture changes in--in usage  
25 up or down from a variety of factors. And so from that



1 standpoint, we feel like it's doing what it's supposed to  
2 do.

3 In terms of, you know, what happens when some  
4 large customers leave, that definitely will impact the  
5 average usage, but we don't believe that that is the driver  
6 of--of the increase we're asking for today. It has a small  
7 part to do with it, but the main driver is the decrease in  
8 usage of all the residential customers. That--that--that  
9 dwarfs the change in usage from--we had about 200 customers  
10 switch to TS class. Of those 200, you're probably looking  
11 at about a hundred that left from the GS class. So  
12 definitely has an impact but is not the main driver in the  
13 request we're asking for today. So I'd make those points.

14 And then the other thing that we discussed is, you  
15 know, the Commission kind of has some safeguards in place  
16 with this mechanism to keep things from going out of  
17 control. One is, you know, right now we're kind of on a  
18 three-year cycle, so every three years we come in and we--we  
19 evaluate the allowed revenue per customer. We reset it  
20 based on the new customer mix. So every three years, we're  
21 able to evaluate it. And that--that is one safeguard in  
22 place.

23 The other is that when we--when the CET was  
24 originally filed, we had a cap, so the Company's not allowed  
25 to accrue more than 5 percent of--of distribution non-gas

1 revenue in that account. So that's another kind of  
2 safeguard the Commission has put in place to keep--keep this  
3 mechanism from going out of control.

4 So we think--because it is a full decoupling  
5 mechanism, it was contemplated that any usage would be  
6 captured. And we think that combined with the safeguards in  
7 place, we feel comfortable with the way the mechanism's  
8 working. You know, the entries on a month-by-month basis  
9 are small, which is what we had always anticipated when we  
10 set out with the mechanism. So from that standpoint, we're  
11 comfortable with where we're at now.

12 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. That's very  
13 helpful.

14 While I have--I did have one question with respect  
15 to applications as Exhibit 1.2. On the second row down, you  
16 know, you have the--you know, there's the CET amortization  
17 amounts, the revenue, and then the decatherm. I guess that  
18 column with the decatherms, those are projected. And where  
19 was--where does that projection come--is that tied to the  
20 IRP, or where do those actual decatherms--

21 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes. Yeah, typically it comes  
22 from the IRP. So these would be the same volumes that we  
23 would use if we were to file a pass-through.

24 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

25 MR. MENDENHALL: So yeah, it's usually the IRP

1 projected volumes that we use.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: All right. Thank you.  
3 That's all--is there anything else on respect to the CET  
4 docket before we move on to the next docket? Anything else  
5 to address?

6 MS. CLARK: No.

7 MS. SCHMID: Nothing more from the Division.

8 MR. COLEMAN: No.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you. Let's go  
10 ahead and move on to Docket 13-035-17 [sic], which is the--  
11 Questar's infrastructure rate adjustment.

12 Ms. Clark?

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

14 KELLY MENDENHALL,  
15 being previously duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
16 follows:

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. CLARK:

19 Q Mr. Mendenhall, in your capacity as an employee of  
20 Questar Gas, did you oversee the preparation of the  
21 application and attached exhibits in Docket No. 13-057-17?

22 A Yes, I did.

23 Q And you testified earlier that you had reviewed  
24 respective memorandum from the Division of Public Utilities  
25 and the Office of Consumer Services that addressed the

1 docket we just completed talking about and this 17 docket.  
2 Did you review those with regard to the comments in this  
3 docket as well?

4 A Yes, I did.

5 Q Do you adopt the contents of Questar Gas Company's  
6 application and the attached exhibits in this docket as your  
7 testimony as well?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Can you please summarize the relief the Company is  
10 requesting?

11 A Sure. In Docket No. 13-057-17, the application of  
12 Questar Gas Company to change the infrastructure rate  
13 adjustment, the Company is proposing to adjust the  
14 infrastructure rate to include investment related to high-  
15 pressure infrastructure replacement projects that occurred  
16 since August of 2013. The majority of this investment comes  
17 from three projects: Feeder Line 8 in Midvale, Feeder Line  
18 14 in Tooele, and Feeder Line 20 in South Weber. The  
19 Company is requesting a \$2.8 million increase in annual  
20 revenue. And if approved, this would increase the typical  
21 GS customer's annual bill by \$2.33 per year, or 0.33  
22 percent. And the Company's requesting that all the proposed  
23 changes be made effective December 1st, 2013.

24 MS. CLARK: I would move at this time for the  
25 admission of Questar Gas Company's application in this

1 docket and the accompanying exhibits as Questar Gas--or QGC  
2 Exhibit 2. Excuse me.

3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Any objection?

4 BY MS. CLARK:

5 Q Mr. Mendenhall, one more--I'm sorry.

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: I hear no objections. It's  
7 received.

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

9 BY MS. CLARK:

10 Q Mr. Mendenhall, one more question: Can you speak  
11 briefly to the combined effect if the two dockets discussed  
12 today were both granted?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Thank you.

15 A So the impact of both dockets results in an  
16 overall increase to the typical general service customer of  
17 about \$3.53 a year, or about half a percent. And in its  
18 applications, the Company has prepared combined tariff  
19 sheets to show the impact that both of these requests would  
20 have on the general service class. The combined GS tariff  
21 sheet is provided in Exhibit 1.5 of Docket 13-057-16. And  
22 it's also provided in Exhibit 1.6 of Docket 13-057-17. The  
23 tariff sheets for the other classes have been provided in  
24 Exhibit 1.5 of 13-057-17. Because the other classes aren't  
25 affected by the CET, there's no need to do a combined tariff

1 sheet for those, so . . .

2 That's it.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

4 Mr. Mendenhall is available for further questions.

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Schmid?

6 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Coleman?

8 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

9 THE HEARING OFFICER: I have no further questions.

10 Why don't we go ahead and take a short recess.

11 I'm sorry. Yes.

12 MS. SCHMID: The Division's--

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Oh.

14 MS. SCHMID: --memorandum also covered Docket 17.

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. I apologize.

16 MS. SCHMID: I'd like to address that, if I may.

17 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah. Thanks for the

18 reminder. Yeah, why don't we go ahead and do that,

19 Ms. Schmid.

20 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

21 And a procedural question: As the two dockets  
22 appear to have been combined for hearing but not for  
23 decision, does Ms. Roll need to be sworn in again or does  
24 her previous swearing in still apply?

25 THE HEARING OFFICER: I think she's still under

1 oath, so I think it's . . .

2 MS. SCHMID: Perfect. Thank you.

3 CAROLYN ROLL,

4 being previously duly sworn, was examined and testified as  
5 follows:

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY MS. SCHMID:

8 Q Ms. Roll, did you participate on behalf of the  
9 Division in Docket No. 13-057-17, which is the  
10 infrastructure rate adjustment docket?

11 A Yes, I did.

12 Q Did you prepare and cause to be filed the  
13 Division's memorandum filed November 18th?

14 A Yes, I did.

15 MS. SCHMID: This has previously been admitted for  
16 the 16 docket as DPU Exhibit 1, and I would like to request  
17 that it be admitted for the 17 docket as DPU Hearing  
18 Exhibit 1 as well, please.

19 THE HEARING OFFICER: Any objections?

20 MS. CLARK: No.

21 THE HEARING OFFICER: It's received.

22 BY MS. SCHMID:

23 Q Ms. Roll, do you adopt the November 18th  
24 memorandum, insofar as it addresses Docket 17, as your  
25 testimony?

1 A Yes, I do.

2 Q Any changes or corrections?

3 A No.

4 Q Do you have a summary to give?

5 A A very brief summary.

6 Q Please proceed.

7 A Docket No. 13-057-17 is a request to increase the  
8 infrastructure rate component of the DNG rates for all  
9 customers. The Division has not reviewed the detailed  
10 invoices used by the Company in deriving the dollar amounts  
11 that are included in this filing and therefore recommends  
12 that these rates be approved on an interim basis.

13 The effect of the proposed rates on a typical GS  
14 residential customer will be an increase in their annual  
15 bill of \$2.33 per year. At the time that the Division  
16 completes the audit of the Infrastructure Tracker, then we  
17 will submit a request to have those rates be permanent.

18 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

19 Ms. Roll is now available for questions.

20 THE HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Schmid?

21 MS. CLARK: No.

22 THE HEARING OFFICER: I'm sorry. Ms. Clark.

23 MS. CLARK: No, thank you.

24 THE HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Coleman?

25 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.



1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Now, I know that the  
2 Office had not submitted comments on the infrastructure  
3 docket. Is there anything you'd like to address with  
4 respect to those?

5 MR. COLEMAN: No, the Office has nothing further  
6 on the infrastructure docket.

7 THE HEARING OFFICER: The witnesses are excused.  
8 Why don't we go ahead now and take a brief recess  
9 and come back momentarily.

10 (Recess taken, 10:23-10:29 a.m.)

11 THE HEARING OFFICER: Let's go ahead and go back  
12 on the record.

13 One kind of administrative question, I guess--and  
14 this--I know you're still not sworn. I excused you, but I  
15 don't know if it's necessary to swear you back in. The  
16 question I have is: Is it--is it Questar's intention that  
17 they are offering this--the tariff sheets you mentioned  
18 earlier for approval?

19 MR. MENDENHALL: Yes.

20 THE HEARING OFFICER: Would you mind, just for the  
21 record, identifying those specifically just so we can have  
22 that, if that's okay?

23 MR. MENDENHALL: I might need a moment.

24 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Do you want to go off  
25 the record just for a minute?

1 MS. CLARK: Do you mind?

2 (A discussion was held off the record.)

3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Let's go ahead and go back  
4 on the record.

5 MR. MENDENHALL: So yes, the Company would like to  
6 submit those tariff sheets for final approval. So the--  
7 there's a combined general service tariff sheet that takes  
8 both dockets into account, and that's shown in Exhibit 1.5  
9 of Docket 13-057-16 and Exhibit 1.6 of Docket 13-057-17.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: But also--are those numbered  
11 or is there a sheet number? Or what is the actual . . .

12 MR. MENDENHALL: You mean the tariff sheet?

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah.

14 MR. MENDENHALL: Yeah. So it would be--there's no  
15 page number right now, but it would be Section 2.02.

16 And then for the other rate classes, those would  
17 be found in--hold on a sec.

18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Why don't we just go off the  
19 record just for a minute. That's fine.

20 (A discussion was held off the record.)

21 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Good. Why don't we  
22 go ahead and go back on the record.

23 As we left, Mr. Mendenhall was going to identify  
24 the specific tariff sheets that Questar was speaking  
25 approval for in this proceeding.

1 MR. MENDENHALL: Okay. So it's probably easiest  
2 just to go to Docket 13-057-17.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

4 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay.

5 MR. MENDENHALL: So the GS combined tariff sheets  
6 are shown in Exhibit 1.6. And then the tariff sheets for  
7 the FS class, that would be Section 2.03. For the NGV  
8 class, that would be Section 2.04. For the--is that all we  
9 have?

10 MS. SCHMID: Huh-uh (Negative).

11 MR. MENDENHALL: TS as well?

12 MS. SCHMID: Don't you have . . .

13 MR. MENDENHALL: Section 4.02 would be the IS rate  
14 schedule. Section 5.05 would be the firm transportation, or  
15 FT-1 rate schedule. And Section 5.06 would be the MT rate  
16 schedule. And Section 5.07 would be the TS rate schedule.  
17 And I believe that would be it.

18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.

19 Ms. Schmid, does the Division have a comment on  
20 that?

21 MS. SCHMID: Yes.

22 EXAMINATION (CONTINUED)

23 BY MS. SCHMID:

24 Q Ms. Roll, did you examine the filed tariff sheets  
25 on behalf of the Division?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q And does the Division have a recommendation  
3 regarding the approval of the aforementioned tariff sheets?

4 A Yes. We believe that the tariff sheets as filed  
5 are correct.

6 Q So do we recommend approval?

7 A Yes, we do, on an interim basis.

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. And so those  
9 tariff sheets cover both--okay. Great.

10 Okay. Is there anything else? The Office,  
11 comments or--

12 MR. COLEMAN: Nothing from the Office.

13 THE HEARING OFFICER: Okay. Appreciate everyone's  
14 participation today. Having considered Questar's  
15 applications, the comments filed in these dockets, the  
16 testimony presented today, and the fact that the  
17 applications are unopposed, the Commission approves the  
18 applications in Dockets No. 13-057-16 and 13-057-17  
19 effective December 12th, 2013, on an interim basis until  
20 such time as the Division completes the audit of the entries  
21 in the respective accounts. The tariff sheets are approved  
22 as filed, as described by Mr. Mendenhall.

23 After the completion of such audits, the  
24 Commission directs the Division to issue memos to the  
25 Commission--

1 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. There was a little  
2 bit--

3 THE HEARING OFFICER: Sorry about that.

4 THE REPORTER: "The Commission directs the  
5 Division to issue . . ."

6 THE HEARING OFFICER: --memos to the Commission  
7 with recommendations regarding making the requested rate  
8 changes in these dockets permanent.

9 MS. SCHMID: I have just one question.

10 THE HEARING OFFICER: Sure.

11 MS. SCHMID: The effective date is to be?

12 THE HEARING OFFICER: Yeah. Didn't I say December  
13 1st, 2013?

14 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

15 THE HEARING OFFICER: No problem. Sorry about  
16 that.

17 MR. COLEMAN: You said the 12th, just--I think--

18 THE HEARING OFFICER: Oh, did I really? I  
19 apologize. December 1st, 2013. Good correction.

20 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

21 THE HEARING OFFICER: So we have the applications  
22 approved, the tariff sheets approved.

23 With that, the Commission will issue written  
24 orders memorializing these bench orders in due course. And  
25 before we adjourn, is there anything additional that needs

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to be addressed?

Appreciate everyone, and have a happy  
Thanksgiving. Thank you. We're adjourned.  
(Proceedings concluded at 10:37 a.m.)

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