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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director

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Date: August 25, 2015

Subject: Docket No. 14-057-25. Action Request from the Commission to review and make recommendations. In the Matter of Questar Gas Company's 2015 ThermWise Builder Rebates Program and Builder Program expenditures to date.

### RECOMMENDATION:

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge the letter as meeting the requirement established by the Commission in Docket No. 09-057-15<sup>1</sup> and that no further action by the Commission is necessary.

### ISSUE:

On July 31, 2015, Questar Gas Company (Company) filed with the Commission a letter reporting that in the month of May 2015 the 2015 Energy Efficiency (EE) ThermWise Builder Rebate program and Business program surpassed fifty percent of their respective budgets that were approved in Docket No. 14-057-25. On July 31, 2015 the Commission issued an Action

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<sup>1</sup> See page 1 in Docket No. 09-057-15 issued January 12, 2010.

Request to the Division regarding this matter. This is the Division's response to the Action Request.

**DISCUSSION:**

As explained in the letter submitted by the Company, the 2015 ThermWise Builder Rebate Program reached 55% of its 2015 budget by the end of May 2015 due in large part higher than expected customer participation in the 95% efficiency furnace measure for both single and multi-family units. If this rate of spending continues through the remainder of 2015, the total spending in the Builder program could reach 140% of budget. The Company has analyzed building activity in its Utah service territory and has found a downward trend for building permits issued in the multi-family market segments. The Company will continue to monitor building permits issued for both single and multi-family units.

The 2015 ThermWise Business Program reached 55% of its 2015 budget by the end of May 2015 due in large part higher than expected customer participation in high efficiency boilers and infrared heaters. If this rate of spending continues through the remainder of 2015, the total spending in the Business program could reach 144% of budget. If current trends for all programs continues, the Company forecasts that total program spending could reach \$27.0 million or 95 percent of the approved 2015 budget.

The Division believes that, based on the projections provided by the Company in their July 31, 2015 letter and accompanying Exhibits 1 and 2, no further action by the Commission is needed at this time. Questar Gas will continue to monitor customer participation and actual program spending compared to budget and report to the Division on a quarterly basis.

Cc: Barrie McKay, Questar Gas Company.

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