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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: **Public Service Commission**

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Date: April 12, 2016

Subject: Action Request Response regarding Docket No. 16-057-T04.

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Make Tariff Modifications to Charge Transportation Customers for Use of Supplier-Non-Gas Services

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) approve the tariff sheets filed by Questar Gas Company (Company) on March 31, 2016.

BACKGROUND

On March 31, 2016 the Company filed its request for approval of the tariff sheets with the Commission. That same day the Commission issued its Action Request directing “the Division to provide analysis, evaluation results, and the basis for conclusions and recommendations regarding the following” investigation. On April 4, 2016 the Commission issued its Notice of

Filing and Comment Period with initial comments due on April 18, 2016, and reply comments due April 18, 2016. This Action Request Response is the result of the Division's investigation, and is the Division's recommendation to the Commission as well as its initial comments.

ISSUE

The Commission's order in the 14-057-31 docket instructed the Company to file "updates reflecting the decisions of this order by no later than one month prior to the filing of Questar's next 191 account pass-through application." The case was ordered on just a few months ago. Therefore, according to the order the Company has filed this tariff change request.

DISCUSSION

The Division has reviewed the revised tariff sheets attached to the Company's filing and believes that they accurately portray the "necessary updates" that the Commission ordered. The Gas Revenues subsection of tariff section 2.06 has had two sentences added so that SNG revenue that the Company receives from the firm and interruptible sales classes are reduced by the transportation imbalance charge revenues collected from transportation customers.

CONCLUSION

The Division notes that the proposed revised tariff sheets were filed at least 30 days prior to the Company filing its pass-through request and appear to sufficiently fulfill the Commission's order, therefore the Division recommends that the Commission accept the proposed tariff sheets as filed by the Company with an effective date of May 1, 2016.

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