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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director

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Date: May 8, 2014

Re: **Tariff Compliance Filing in Docket No. 14-057-T03 with the order in Docket No. 14-057-T02, which references Docket No. 13-057-05, Application of Questar Gas Company to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications.**

### RECOMMEND APPROVAL

After further review of the revised tariff sheets filed in Docket No. 14-057-T03, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) direct Questar Gas Company to submit a revised tariff sheet for Section 4.01 with one additional change. The Division recommends that the tariff sheets for Sections 2.01 and 4.01 be approved as submitted. All tariff sheets are recommended to be effective as of March 1, 2014.

### ISSUE

On April 7, 2014 the Commission issued its Report and Order (Order) in Docket No. 14-057-T02 which approved Questar Gas Company's (Company) tariff sheets as filed on March 7, 2014, with an approved effective day of March 1, 2014, except for the changes discussed in the Order to Sections 2.01, 4.01, 4.02, 5.05 and 5.06 which were not approved. The Commission directed the

Company to file proposed tariff changes under a separate docket within 14 days of the April 7, 2014 Order.

The Company submitted its tariff sheets in Docket No. 14-057-T03 on April 17, 2014. These tariff sheets would amend its current Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 400, specifically:

- 2.01 Firm Sales Service - Conditions of Service
- 4.01 Interruptible Sales Service - Conditions of Service
- 4.02 IS Rate Schedule

The Company did not submit revised tariff sheets for sections 5.05 and 5.06 in this Docket, as this may be an issue of discussion in the working group established in the Order in Docket No. 13-057-05 issued February 21, 2014.

On April 22, 2014, the Commission issued its Action Request to the Division of Public Utilities to verify the accuracy of the tariff sheets filed on April 17, 2014 for compliance with the Order. The Commission also issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period for all interested parties to submit comments on or before May 2, 2014 and reply comments on or before May 9, 2014. This memo is an additional response to the Commission's action request and notice of filing.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Order asked the Company to respond to the list of proposed tariff changes that did not appear to have been directed by the Commission. The Commission noted that while the proposed changes may be minor, they concluded due process requires review in a separate docket. In the Company's filing of proposed tariff changes for Sections 2.01, 4.01, and 4.02, Exhibit 1 was included to provide explanation for the proposed changes. The Division reviewed the proposed tariff sheets as filed in this Docket and finds that for Sections 4.01 and 4.02 to be consistent the minimum yearly charge for IS customers formula in Section 4.01 needs to be revised. Currently the calculation in the tariff sheet is as follows:

$$[(\text{Peak Winter Day} \times 55) - (\text{Annual Historical Use})] \times \text{DNG Rates}$$

The tariff sheet for Section 4.01 should be revised, the minimum yearly charge for IS customers the formula should be calculated as follows:

Greater of \$3,000.00 or [(Peak Winter Day x 55) – (Annual Historical Use)] x  
Distribution Non-Gas Rates

The Division has conferred with the Company and the Company agrees that this is an appropriate change to the tariff sheet for Section 4.01 to make Sections 4.01 and 4.02 consistent.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Division recommends the Commission direct Questar Gas Company to submit an updated tariff sheet for Section 4.01 and accept the tariff sheets as filed by the Company for Sections 2.01 and 4.02, for inclusion in Questar Gas Company Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 400.

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