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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Division of Public Utilities

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Date: September 26, 2016

Subject: Docket No. 15-057-16. Action Request from the Commission to review and make recommendations. In the Matter of Questar Gas Company's 2016 ThermWise Builder Rebates Program and Business 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 August 25, 2015, Questar Gas Company (Company) filed with the Commission a letter reporting that in the month of May 2016 the 2016 Energy Efficiency (EE) ThermWise Builder Rebate program and Business program surpassed fifty percent of their respective budgets that were approved in Docket No. 15-057-16. On August 30, 2016 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 2016 ThermWise Builder Rebate Program reached 51% of its 2016 budget by the end of May 2016 due in large part higher than expected customer participation in the 95% efficiency furnace measure for both single and multi-family units and the R-20 exterior wall measure. If this rate of spending continues through the remainder of 2016, the total spending in the Builder program could reach 123% of budget.

The 2016 ThermWise Business Program reached 67% of its 2016 budget by the end of May 2016 due in large part higher than expected customer participation in high efficiency boilers and infrared heaters. The program is also experiencing higher than projected participation in the retrofit attic insulation measure. If this rate of spending continues through the remainder of 2016, the total spending in the Business program could reach 165% of budget. If current trends for all programs continues, the Company forecasts that total program spending could reach \$24.3 million or 91 percent of the approved 2016 budget.

The Division believes that, based on the projections provided by the Company in its August 25, 2016 letter and accompanying Exhibit 1, 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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