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Barrie L. McKay
Questar Gas Company
P.O. Box 45433
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Re: Docket No. 15-057-19, "In the Matter of Questar Gas Company's Replacement Infrastructure 2016 Annual Plan and Budget"

Dear Mr. McKay:

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviewed Questar Gas Company's November 16, 2015 Replacement Infrastructure Annual Plan and Budget for calendar year 2016 (2016 Plan). The Division concludes the 2016 Plan is in compliance with the reporting requirements approved by the Commission in the February 21, 2014 Report and Order in Docket No. 13-057-05, "In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications." The Division notes that the 2016 Plan includes replacement of pipe originally installed after 1970 and that the 2016 Plan is the first infrastructure tracker annual plan to include replacement of pipe less than two inches in diameter.

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the 2016 Plan as complying with relevant reporting requirements. Questar Gas Company filed reply comments on December 22, 2015, responding to the Division's comments. The Company explains its decision to replace some post-1970 pipe will include careful consideration of the available evidence and information for each scheduled replacement, and not solely the pipe's age. The Company will consider the factors set forth in Section 2.07 of its Tariff (e.g., performance of existing pipes, reconditioned pipe, operating and maintenance history, pipeline safety compliance, high consequence areas, high population areas, and other factors) along with several specific factors (e.g., risk score priority, remedial actions, permitting requirements, environmental requirements, efficiency considerations, real property and right-of-way acquisitions and other project-specific considerations) when determining whether replacement is necessary.

The Commission reviewed the 2016 Plan and associated comments. The Commission appreciates the clarification provided by the Company. We acknowledge the Company's filing.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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