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## PROCEEDINGS

OFFICER REIF: Good morning,  
everyone. I'm Melanie Reif. I'm the administrative  
law judge for the Utah Public Service Commission.  
And this morning we are convened to hear several  
matters -- six in total, in fact -- and I will go  
through those very briefly.

The first docket is 16-057-09 in the  
Matter of the Pass-Through Application of Questar Gas  
Company for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for  
Natural Gas Service in Utah. That will be followed by  
Docket 16-057-10 in the Matter of the Application of  
Questar Gas Company to Amortize the Conservation  
Enabling Tariff Balancing Account. Docket 16-057-11 in  
the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to  
Amortize the Demand Side Management/Energy Efficiency  
Deferred Account Balance. Docket 16-057-12 in the  
Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company for a  
Tariff Change and Adjustment to the Low Income  
Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate. Docket 16-057-13 in  
the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to  
Change the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment. Finally,  
Docket 16-057-14 in the Matter of the Application of  
Questar Gas Company for an Adjustment to the Daily  
Imbalance Charge.

1                   As we discussed before we went on the  
2 record this morning, we will proceed in this hearing in  
3 order of the dockets that were referenced. That said,  
4 I'd be happy to swear those individuals in at one time  
5 who will be testifying throughout this hearing.

6                   And so let's go ahead and start by  
7 taking appearances, starting with Questar.

8                   MS. CLARK: Thank you. Jennifer  
9 Nelson Clark on the behalf of the Company. And I  
10 have with me Austin Summers, who will be testifying  
11 in the Pass-Through Docket 16-057-09. I also have  
12 with me Kelly Mendenhall, who will be testifying on  
13 behalf of the Company in the 10 docket, the 11  
14 docket, the 12 docket, and the 14 docket. And then  
15 we have Jordan Stephenson here, who will testify on  
16 the 13 docket.

17                   OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

18                   MR. JETTER: Thank you. Good  
19 morning. I'm just Justin Jetter, and I'm here  
20 representing the Utah Division of Public Utilities.  
21 With me at counsel table is Doug Wheelwright with  
22 the Division, and he will be testifying today in  
23 dockets ending in 09, 12 and 14. I also have in the  
24 room today with us for the Division, Eric Orton, who  
25 will testify in Docket 13, and Carolyn Roll, who

1 will testify in Docket 11.

2 OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

3 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. I'm Rex Olsen  
4 on behalf of the Office. With me at counsel table  
5 is Gavin Mangelson who will be testifying on  
6 16-057-11. Also with me in the room here is Danny  
7 Martinez, who will be available if there are  
8 questions for the dockets which he reviewed. But  
9 presently we only expect testimony on 057-11.

10 OFFICER REIF: Thank you, everyone.  
11 So at this time, let's go ahead and swear everyone  
12 in at one time. And so if you could -- if you are  
13 planning to testify or if you may be testifying --  
14 if you would go ahead and raise your right hand and  
15 identify yourself.

16 Let's start with Kelly Mendenhall,  
17 just for the record, so that she can get all of the  
18 names of everyone who is being sworn in. Would you go  
19 ahead and state your name, please.

20 MR. MENDENHALL: Kelly B. Mendenhall.

21 MR. SUMMERS: Austin Summers.

22 MR. STEPHENSON: Jordan Stephenson.

23 MR. WHEELWRIGHT: Douglas  
24 Wheelwright.

25 MR. ORTON: Eric Orton.

1 MS. ROLL: Carolyn Roll, R-o-l-l.

2 MR. MANGELSON: Gavin Mangelson.

3 MR. MARTINEZ: Dan Martinez.

4 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Very good. So  
5 we'll do the swearing in now.

6 KELLY MENDENHALL, AUSTIN SUMMERS, JORDAN STEPHENSON,  
7 DOUGLAS WHEELWRIGHT, ERIC ORTON, CAROLYN ROLL, and  
8 GAVIN MANGELSON,  
9 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, were  
10 examined and testified as follows:

11 OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

12 MS. CLARK: Before we begin, did we  
13 want to address the issue of the tariff filing and  
14 corrections that we talked about before going on the  
15 record?

16 OFFICER REIF: Do you want to address  
17 that when we get to the 11 docket or --

18 MS. CLARK: We can do that, sure.

19 OFFICER REIF: Let's do that when we  
20 get to the 11 docket. So right now, we're going to  
21 begin with Docket 16-057-09. This is the  
22 Pass-Through docket.

23 MS. CLARK: The Company calls Austin  
24 Summers.

25 EXAMINATION



1 BY MS. CLARK:

2 Q. Mr. Summers, would you please state your  
3 name and business address for the record?

4 A. My name is Austin Summers. My address is  
5 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

6 Q. Please identify your employer and the  
7 title you hold.

8 A. My employer is Questar, and I am the  
9 supervisor of regulatory affairs.

10 Q. And was the Application in Docket  
11 16-057-09 prepared by you or under your direction?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And do you have any corrections to that  
14 docket or that Application or its attachments today?

15 A. I do. I have a correction to Exhibit  
16 1.11. This is the Combined Tariff Sheets that would  
17 go into effect if all of the dockets today were  
18 approved. I'm sure we'll hear more about this in  
19 Docket 11, but just for the record, I want to  
20 clarify or correct the rates on three lines. In  
21 this exhibit, there are legislative and clean tariff  
22 sheets, and I'm just going to correct the GS sheet,  
23 which is the first -- the first tariff sheet that  
24 comes up. It's the only one that's affected.

25 So if you're looking at the GS rate

1 schedule, on the DSM Amortization line, the third  
2 line down, in the Summer Rates: The First 45  
3 decatherms, it should be \$.19054. And that rate is  
4 actually the same all across that line. So in the  
5 Summer Rates: All Over 45 decatherms and the Winter  
6 Rates, both columns, the number is \$.19054.

7 At the bottom of that section on the  
8 Distribution Non-Gas Rate in the Summer Rates:  
9 First 45 decatherms, the total there is \$2.06573.  
10 Summer Rates: All Over 45 decatherms, the total is  
11 \$0.98789. In the Winter Rates: First 45  
12 decatherms, it is \$2.73699. And in the Winter  
13 Rates: All Over 45 decatherms, the total is  
14 \$1.65916.

15 If we jump down to the bottom of the  
16 number section there on the Total Rate line, the  
17 Summer Rates: First 45 decatherms total is  
18 \$6.58994. The Summer Rates: All Over 45 decatherms  
19 is \$5.51210. The Winter Rates: First 45 decatherms  
20 is \$7.89007. And the Winter Rates: All Over 45  
21 decatherms is \$6.81224. And that is all of the  
22 corrections.

23 **Q. With those corrections, do you adopt the**  
24 **Application and its attachments as your testimony**  
25 **today?**

1           A.    Yes.

2                           MS. CLARK:   The Company would move to  
3 admit the Application in this matter, along with  
4 Exhibits 1.1 through 1.11 with the corrections  
5 Mr. Summers testified to today.

6                           OFFICER REIF:   Any objection?

7                           MR. JETTER:    No objection.

8                           MR. OLSEN:     No objection.

9                           OFFICER REIF:   They're admitted.

10       BY MS. CLARK:

11           **Q.    Thank you.  Mr. Summers, would you please**  
12 **summarize the relief the Company is requesting in**  
13 **the docket?**

14           A.    Yes.  In this Pass-Through docket, Questar  
15 respectfully asks the Utah Public Service Commission  
16 for approval of \$555,194,299 in Utah Gas cost  
17 coverage.  This represents an overall increase of  
18 \$7,279,000.  The components of the increase are:  
19 First, an increase of \$7,432,000 in commodity costs.  
20 And second, a decrease of \$153,000 in supplier  
21 non-gas costs.  This request includes an  
22 amortization of the commodity portion of the actual  
23 August 2016 over-collected 191 Account balance of  
24 \$25,013,313 by a \$23.26 cents per decatherm credit  
25 surcharge.  The Company is also requesting an

1 amortization of under-collected SNG costs.

2           The combination of relatively fixed SNG  
3 costs and warm weather last winter caused the SNG  
4 balance to be under collected by \$3,898,000, which  
5 leads to the debt amortization charges shown on  
6 Exhibit 1.6, page 3. The cost of purchased gas was  
7 developed using forecasted gas prices from both Pure  
8 Energy Group and Cambridge Energy Research  
9 Associates. If this Application is approved, a  
10 typical Utah GS customer using 80 decatherms per  
11 year would see an increase of \$5.40 or a total  
12 annual increase of about .79 percent.

13           These rates are just, reasonable, and in  
14 the public interest. Therefore, we request the  
15 rates proposed in the Commodity and SNG Rates be  
16 allowed to go into effect November 1st, 2016.

17           MS. CLARK: Mr. Summers is available  
18 for further examination.

19           OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

20           MR. JETTER: No questions.

21           MR. OLSEN: No questions.

22           MS. CLARK: The Company has no other  
23 witnesses.

24           OFFICER REIF: Mr. Jetter?

25           MR. JETTER: Thank you.

1 Mr. Wheelwright has been sworn in, and I'm just  
2 going to start direct examination.

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. JETTER:

5 Q. Mr. Wheelwright, would you please state  
6 your name and occupation for the record?

7 A. Douglas D. Wheelwright. I'm a technical  
8 consultant with the Division of Public Utilities.

9 Q. And, Mr. Wheelwright, have you had the  
10 opportunity to review the filing made by the Company  
11 in this docket?

12 A. Yes, I have.

13 Q. And were you also aware of changes that  
14 were made just a moment ago by Mr. Summers?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And did his changes that he made to his  
17 company's Application reflect your understanding of  
18 the changes that were going to be proposed?

19 A. Yes, they do.

20 Q. Did you create and cause to be filed with  
21 the Commission an Action Request Response dated  
22 October 25th, 2016?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. And with respect to the comments contained  
25 in that document that are relevant to this docket,

1     **do you have any edits or corrections that you would**  
2     **like to make?**

3           A.     No, I do not.

4           **Q.     Have you prepared a brief statement?**

5           A.     Yes, I have.

6           **Q.     Please, go ahead.**

7           A.     Thank you.   Docket 16-057-09, known as the  
8     191 Pass-Through Application, asks for Commission  
9     approval to increase the commodity portion of gas  
10    costs by \$7.4 million and decrease the supplier  
11    non-gas portion of SMG costs by \$.1 million for a  
12    net increase of \$7.3 million.   The primary reason  
13    for the increase in the commodity cost is due to the  
14    combination of an increase in the forecast price for  
15    natural gas purchased, which is partially offset by  
16    the amortization of an over-collected balance in the  
17    current 191 Account.

18                   For the test year, it is anticipated that  
19    approximately 58 percent of the total gas  
20    requirement will be satisfied from the Wexpro cost  
21    of service gas production.   And 42 percent will be  
22    purchased through existing contracts along with spot  
23    market purchase transactions.

24                   Natural gas purchases from third parties  
25    continue to be at a lower cost than the gas produced

1 from Wexpro. In this filing, gas purchased from  
2 third parties is projected to be \$1.87 per decatherm  
3 lower than the Wexpro cost of service production.  
4 If this docket is approved individually, a typical  
5 GS customer would see an increase of \$5.40 in their  
6 annual bill, or an increase of .8 percent.

7 The Division recommends that those rates  
8 be approved on an interim basis until a full audit  
9 of the 191 Account can be completed. And that  
10 concludes my summary.

11 MR. JETTER: Thank you. I have no  
12 further questions from Mr. Wheelwright, and he's  
13 available for cross-examination.

14 OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

15 MS. CLARK: The Company doesn't have  
16 any questions.

17 MR. OLSEN: No questions.

18 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Wheelwright, I  
19 have a couple of clarifying questions for you,  
20 please.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 EXAMINATION

23 BY OFFICER REIF:

24 Q. On the first page of the Action Request  
25 Response filed by the Division, in the subject line

1 there are four docket numbers referenced and then in  
2 the third line -- second and third lines of the  
3 recommendation portion of the memo -- there is  
4 reference to Docket 16-057-13, which is not  
5 referenced in the subject matter of the earlier  
6 portion of the memo. I'm just wondering -- is that  
7 a typo, per chance?

8 A. Yes, that's a typo.

9 Q. Okay. And so just for clarification,  
10 could you let me know -- 16-057 should read --  
11 16-057-13 should read --

12 A. Let's see. Let me look at this for just a  
13 second. Should be 14.

14 Q. Okay. And if you flip -- we're getting a  
15 little ahead of ourselves, but -- if you flip  
16 through to page 11, there's a reference to, I  
17 believe, an old docket, number 15-057-12?

18 A. Which page? I'm sorry.

19 Q. Fifteen. At the very top. I think you  
20 may be referring to 16-057-10.

21 A. I've got different numbers. I believe  
22 that's correct.

23 Q. The 15-057-12?

24 A. Yes. Let me check with the Company on  
25 that.



1           **Q.    Okay.  The current docket is 16-057-10?**

2                           MS. CLARK:  To clarify, are we on  
3  page 11 of the memo?

4                           OFFICER REIF:  Yes, at the very top.

5                           MS. CLARK:  At the very top.  Thank  
6  you.

7           A.  I believe that's the correct docket, but  
8  can I get confirmation from the Company on that?

9           **Q.  (Officer Reif)  Okay, sure.  Do you need a**  
10 **moment?**

11           A.  Yeah.

12                           OFFICER REIF:  Okay.  We'll be in  
13  recess for a moment.

14                           (A brief recess was taken.)

                          EXAMINATION CONTINUED

16           A.  To clarify, right at the top of the page  
17  in the heading, that docket number is incorrect.  It  
18  should be 16-057-12.

19  BY OFFICER REIF:

20           **Q.  Thank you, Mr. Wheelwright.  So for**  
21 **clarification, is it 16-05-710?**

22           A.  Yes.

23           **Q.  Thank you for clarifying that.  On page**  
24 **13, in the header where it says,**  
25 **"Docket 16-057-13" --**

1 A. Yes, that should be 14.

2 **Q. That should be 14, not 13?**

3 A. The Transportation Imbalance Charge is  
4 Docket 14, yes.

5 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Thank you for  
6 that clarification. Thank you for those bits of  
7 clarification, Mr. Wheelwright. Are there any other  
8 questions for Mr. Wheelwright? Okay. Mr. Olsen?

9 MR. OLSEN: We have no one to testify  
10 right now, but Mr. Martinez is available for anyone  
11 who has questions.

12 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Are there any  
13 questions for the Office regarding this particular  
14 docket? Thank you.

15 BY OFFICER REIF:

16 **Q. Mr. Wheelwright, if I might just come back**  
17 **to you for a moment. Based on your testimony in the**  
18 **docket 16-057-09, is it the Division's position that**  
19 **the rates proposed are just, reasonable, and in the**  
20 **public interest?**

21 A. Yes, they are.

22 OFFICER REIF: Thank you. Unless  
23 there's anything further, we will close our  
24 discussion of that docket and move to the next  
25 docket, which is 16-057-10. This is the

1 Conservation Enabling Tariff Balancing Account.

2 EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. CLARK:

4 Q. Thank you. The Company calls Kelly  
5 Mendenhall. Mr. Mendenhall, could you please state  
6 your name, title, and business address for the  
7 record?

8 A. Yes. My name is Kelly B. Mendenhall. My  
9 title is general manager of regulatory affairs. My  
10 business address is 333 South State Street, Salt  
11 Lake City, Utah.

12 Q. Was the Application in this matter and the  
13 attached exhibits, were those are all prepared by  
14 you and under your direction?

15 A. Yes, they were.

16 Q. And do you have any corrections to any of  
17 those materials?

18 A. Yes. In Exhibit 1.5, this is the Combined  
19 Tariff Sheet. And I'm going to make similar  
20 corrections to those that Mr. Summers made to his  
21 exhibit. But if you go to Exhibit 1.5 -- so we have  
22 legislative and proposed tariff sheets in this  
23 exhibit, and we need to make the changes to both.  
24 But if you look at the tariff sheet, third line  
25 down, it says DSM Amortization. That rate needs to

1 be \$.19054. And if we move from left to right,  
2 there's four rates. All four of those rates need to  
3 be \$.19054.

4 And moving down, if you go to the  
5 Distribution Non-Gas Rate line, I'll make four  
6 changes and we'll move from left to right. The  
7 first change, under Summer Rates: First 45  
8 decatherms, that number needs to be \$2.06573.  
9 Moving to the right, under All Other Summer Rates:  
10 All Over 45 decatherms, that number needs to be  
11 \$.98789. And then moving to the right, Winter  
12 Rates: First 45 decatherms, that number should be  
13 \$2.73699. And then the last column, Winter Rates:  
14 All Over 45 decatherms, that should be \$1.65916.  
15 And then moving down to the bottom -- well, middle  
16 of the tariff sheet where it says "Total Rate,"  
17 where that's calculated -- that needs to be, from  
18 left to right, \$6.5899 for Summer Rates: First 45  
19 decatherms. I missed a 4; 6.5894 -- \$6.58994.  
20 Thank you. Moving to the right, that next number  
21 under Summer Rates: All Over 45 decatherms needs to  
22 be \$5.51210. The next number under Winter Rates:  
23 First 45 decatherms needs to be \$7.89007, and the  
24 last column, Winter Rates: All Over 45 decatherms  
25 needs to be \$6.81224. And that completes all of the

1 corrections I need to make in this exhibit and in  
2 this file.

3 **Q. With those corrections, do you adopt the**  
4 **Application and attached exhibits as your testimony**  
5 **today?**

6 A. Yes, I do.

7 MS. CLARK: The Company would move to  
8 admit the Application and Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5  
9 as corrected. We would move to have those admitted  
10 today.

11 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?  
12 They're admitted.

13 BY MS. CLARK:

14 **Q. Mr. Mendenhall, can you please summarize**  
15 **the relief the Company is requesting in this docket?**

16 A. Yes. In this docket, the Questar Gas  
17 Company is requesting to amortize the Conservation  
18 Enabling Tariff Balancing Account. And the Company  
19 proposes to reduce the amortization rate to zero.  
20 While there currently is an over-collected balance  
21 of about \$1.1 million in the Balancing Account,  
22 instead of returning this over-collection to  
23 customers at this time, the Company would prefer to  
24 use the balance to offset future under-collections  
25 caused by decreased usage per customer.

1                   Setting the amortization rate to zero will  
2 result in a decrease for a typical GS residential  
3 customer of about \$5.60, or 8/10th of a percent per  
4 year. The Company proposes this rate be made  
5 effective November 1st, 2016. And that completes my  
6 summary.

7                   MS. CLARK: Mr. Mendenhall is  
8 available for further questioning.

9                   OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

10                  MR. JETTER: No questions.

11                  MR. OLSEN: No questions, thank you.

12                  MS. CLARK: Thank you, Mr.

13 Mendenhall. That concludes the Company's  
14 presentation of evidence.

15                  OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

16   EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. JETTER:

18                  **Q. Mr. Wheelwright, would you please state**  
19 **your name and occupation again for the record and**  
20 **Docket 16-057-10.**

21                  A. Yes. My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright.  
22 I'm a technical consultant with the Division of  
23 Public Utilities.

24                  **Q. Thank you. And with respect to this**  
25 **docket, have you had the opportunity to review the**

1 filings made by the Company?

2 A. Yes, I have.

3 Q. And are you aware of the edits that were  
4 made by Mr. Mendenhall?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And do those match the corrections and  
7 edits that you had understood the Company intended  
8 to make today?

9 A. Yes, they do.

10 Q. You testified earlier -- is it still  
11 correct -- that you have prepared the October 25,  
12 2016 Action Request Response filed by the Division  
13 in this docket?

14 A. That's correct.

15 Q. And with the exception of some numerical  
16 corrections to docket numbers on pages 1, 11, and I  
17 believe it was 13, do you have any corrections or  
18 edits you'd like to make to the Division's Action  
19 Request Response with respect to the matters in  
20 Docket Number 16-057-10?

21 A. No changes.

22 Q. And have you prepared a brief statement of  
23 the Division's position in this docket?

24 A. Yes, I have.

25 Q. Please, go ahead.

1           A.    Thank you.   Docket Number 16-057-10, known  
2    as the Conservation Enabling Tariff or CET, asks for  
3    Commission approval to remove the current  
4    amortization and set the new amortization rate to  
5    zero.   The requested change will leave an  
6    over-collected balance of approximately  
7    \$1.1 million.   Leaving the current balance has been  
8    recommended due to the ongoing decrease in the gas  
9    usage per customer and the withdrawal of the 2016  
10   General Rate Case.   The General Rate Case would have  
11   allowed the Company to reset the usage per customer.

12                The Division has reviewed and supports the  
13   Application and the calculations as submitted by the  
14   Company.   If this docket were approved individually,  
15   a typical GS customer would see a decrease in their  
16   annual bill of \$5.60 or .82 percent.

17                The Division believes that the requested  
18   changes are in the public interest and represent  
19   just and reasonable rates and recommends the  
20   proposed rate be approved on an interim basis until  
21   a full audit of the 191 Account can be completed.  
22   That concludes my summary.

23                   MR. JETTER:   Thank you.   Mr.  
24   Wheelwright is available for cross-examination.

25                   OFFICER REIF:   Any questions?



1 MS. CLARK: The Company does not have  
2 any questions.

3 MR. OLSEN: No questions.

4 OFFICER REIF: Thank you for your  
5 testimony, Mr. Wheelwright. Anything further from  
6 the Division?

7 MR. JETTER: No, your Honor.

8 OFFICER REIF: Thank you. Mr. Olsen,  
9 anything in this docket?

10 MR. OLSEN: Nothing in this docket.  
11 Thank you.

12 OFFICER REIF: We'll move to the next  
13 docket, Docket 16-057-11. This docket is the Demand  
14 Side Management Energy/Efficiency Deferred Account  
15 Balance docket.

16 EXAMINATION

17 BY MS. CLARK:

18 **Q. The Company once again calls**  
19 **Mr. Mendenhall. And for clarity of the record in**  
20 **this docket, Mr. Mendenhall, would you please state**  
21 **your name, title, and business address for the**  
22 **record?**

23 A. Yes. Kelly B. Mendenhall. I'm the  
24 general manager of regulatory affairs, and my  
25 address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City,

1 Utah.

2 Q. And was the Application and accompanying  
3 exhibits in this docket, were they all prepared by  
4 you or under your direction?

5 A. Yes, they were.

6 Q. And do you have any corrections to this  
7 Application?

8 A. Yes, I do. So starting in the  
9 Application, if we start on page 2, the typical bill  
10 calculation as laid out in the Application has been  
11 updated since the original filing. So if you go to  
12 the second paragraph, page 2, first sentence, it  
13 says, "If the Commission grants this Application,  
14 typical residential customers using 80 decatherms  
15 per year will see a decrease in their yearly bills  
16 of \$9.56 (or 1.41%)." That should read \$4.26 or  
17 .63 percent. And the underlying data to support  
18 this calculation is shown in QGC Exhibit 1.5-U2.

19 So moving on to page 3, the last sentence  
20 on page 3 states, "The \$0.19385 rate is taken by  
21 dividing the projected amortization of \$23,721,856  
22 by the test period volumes of 101,981,358." That  
23 sentence needs to be stricken completely. That's an  
24 incorrect statement.

25 And then finally on page 4, once again,

1 the bill calculation needs to be updated again.

2 That sentence says -- this is the second sentence on  
3 page 4 -- "If the Commission grants this  
4 Application, typical residential customers using 80  
5 decatherms per year will see a decrease of..." And  
6 then that should say \$4.26 or .63 percent in their  
7 annual bills attributable to the amortization of the  
8 Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance. And I  
9 believe that's all of the corrections I need to  
10 make.

11 Q. And, Mr. Mendenhall, the Company, in this  
12 docket, submitted a number of corrections including  
13 QGC Exhibit 1.3-U2, QGC Exhibit 1.4-U, QGC Exhibit  
14 1.5-U2, and QGC Exhibit 1.6-U. Were these updates  
15 and corrections also prepared by you or under you  
16 direction?

17 A. Yes, they were.

18 Q. And would you -- why don't you summarize  
19 for us the relief the Company is requesting in this  
20 docket.

21 A. So in this docket, the Company is  
22 proposing to amortize the Demand Side  
23 Management/Energy Efficiency Deferred Account  
24 Balance. The Company is proposing to reduce the  
25 amortization rate from \$.24 to \$.19 in an effort to

1 collect the projected expenses during the test  
2 period, while at the same time minimizing interest  
3 costs for both the customer and the Company.

4 QGC Exhibit 1.3-U2 shows the projected  
5 expenses for the test period using the currently  
6 known expense information for the remainder of 2016  
7 and their proposed 2017 budget. As the exhibit  
8 shows, a \$.19 rate results in a projected net  
9 interest of zero during the test period.

10 QGC Exhibit 1.5-U2 shows that the impact  
11 on a typical GS residential customer will be a  
12 reduction of \$4.26, and the Company proposes that  
13 this rate be made effective November 1st, 2016.

14 **Q. Mr. Mendenhall, would you adopt as your**  
15 **testimony today the Application as corrected and the**  
16 **following QGC exhibits: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3-U2, 1.4-U,**  
17 **1.5-U2, and 1.6-U?**

18 A. Yes.

19 MS. CLARK: The Company would move  
20 for the admission of the Application as corrected  
21 and then those referenced exhibits.

22 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?

23 MR. JETTER: No objection.

24 MR. OLSEN: No objection.

25 OFFICER REIF: They're admitted.

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you. The Company  
2 has nothing further to offer.

3 OFFICER REIF: Any questions from the  
4 Division?

5 MR. JETTER: No questions, your  
6 Honor. Thank you.

7 OFFICER REIF: And from the Office?

8 MR. OLSEN: No questions, thank you.

9 OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

10 EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. JETTER:

12 Q. Ms. Roll, would you please state your name  
13 and occupation for the record?

14 A. Carolyn Roll, and I'm a technical  
15 consultant with the Division of Public Utilities.

16 Q. Thank you. In the course of your  
17 employment, have you had the opportunity to review  
18 the Application and the exhibits, as well as the  
19 corrected exhibits filed by the Company in this  
20 docket?

21 A. Yes, I have.

22 Q. And did you create or assist in the  
23 creation and cause to be filed with the Commission  
24 an Action Request Response from the Division dated  
25 October 25th, 2016?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you have any corrections or edits you  
3 would like to make to that?

4 A. No.

5 Q. The Division would move in this docket to  
6 enter into the record the Action Request Response  
7 from the Division.

8 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?

9 MS. CLARK: No objection.

10 MR. OLSEN: No objection.

11 OFFICER REIF: Admitted.

12 MR. JETTER: Thank you, your Honor.

13 BY MR. JETTER:

14 Q. Have you prepared a brief statement  
15 summarizing the Division's position?

16 A. Yes, I have.

17 Q. Please, go ahead.

18 A. In Docket 16-057-11, the Company is asking  
19 for the amortization rate in the Demand Side  
20 Management/Energy Efficiency Account to be decreased  
21 from the current rate of \$.24341 per decatherm to --  
22 I'm sorry -- \$.24341 per decatherm to \$.19054 per  
23 decatherm.

24 The Division has reviewed the Application  
25 and all the exhibits that were filed with the

1 Application and the revised exhibits filed by the  
2 Company. The Division agrees with the method used  
3 by the Company to request a decrease in the current  
4 amortization rate and the Demand Side  
5 Management/Energy Efficiency Deferred Account  
6 Balance. The Division has reviewed the updated  
7 tariff sheets that were filed by the Company on  
8 October 25th, 2016 and agree with the tariff sheets  
9 as filed.

10 The proposed change to the typical GS  
11 customer will be an annual decrease of \$4.26. The  
12 Division recommends that the Commission approve the  
13 proposed rate on an interim basis until a completed  
14 audit can be performed by the Division. And that  
15 concludes my summary.

16 **Q. Thank you. One quick follow-up question.**  
17 **Do you believe that approval of the Application for**  
18 **interim rates at this time would be just,**  
19 **reasonable, and in the public interest?**

20 A. Yes.

21 MR. JETTER: Thank you. I have no  
22 further questions and Ms. Roll is available for  
23 questions.

24 OFFICER REIF: Thank you. Any  
25 questions?

1 MS. CLARK: No questions.

2 MR. OLSEN: No questions.

3 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Olsen?

4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The Office  
5 would like to call Gavin Mangelson.

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. OLSEN:

8 Q. Mr. Mangelson, would you state your name  
9 and occupation for the record, please?

10 A. Gavin Mangelson. I am a utility analyst  
11 for the Office of Consumer Services.

12 Q. And as part of your employment in that  
13 capacity, did you have occasion to review the  
14 materials in Docket 16-057-11?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And did you have an opportunity to review  
17 the corrections that had been proposed by the  
18 Company in the tariff and filing in this docket?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Did you prepare a statement on  
21 October 25th for the Commission's review in this  
22 docket?

23 A. Yes, we filed comments.

24 MR. OLSEN: I move now for those  
25 comments to be admitted, please.



1 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?

2 MS. CLARK: No objection.

3 OFFICER REIF: They're admitted.

4 BY MR. OLSEN:

5 Q. Thank you. Mr. Mangelson, do you have a  
6 statement you'd like to offer the Commission on this  
7 docket?

8 A. I do.

9 Q. Please proceed.

10 A. Thank you, Mr. Olsen. The Office of  
11 Consumer Services has analyzed the changes that the  
12 Company has proposed for the DSM amortization  
13 surcharge. I will note for clarity that the rate  
14 that was recommended to the Commission in our  
15 comments is consistent with the most recent version  
16 of Exhibit 1.3, called 1.3-U2. The Deferred Expense  
17 Account, called the 182.4 Account Balance, generally  
18 fluctuates quite a bit in a 12-month period. This  
19 is because the DSM surcharge is collected through  
20 volumetric rate. So although DSM costs are more or  
21 less consistent throughout the year, the revenues  
22 collected increase substantially during the heating  
23 season.

24 In their original filing, the Company  
25 proposed a \$.19 rate and later clarified that they

1 intended to raise the rate to \$.24 after six months.  
2 This would have had the effect of reducing the range  
3 of fluctuation in the account balance. Their  
4 proposal also included a net zero carrying charge  
5 expense when the carrying charge paid over that  
6 12-month period by the Company and rate payers is  
7 equal.

8 In the past, the Office and others have  
9 used the phrase "at or near zero" when referring to  
10 account balances. However, our intent has been to  
11 advocate for balances that consistently reach near  
12 zero in the short-term; not to continually achieve  
13 zero balances throughout the short-term.  
14 Establishing rates that result in net zero carrying  
15 charges will result in near zero balances in the  
16 short-term and benefit rate payers.

17 Bi-annual rate changes to the DSM rate  
18 would have the effect of creating de facto seasonal  
19 block rates, and the Company has not provided a cost  
20 causation justification for seasonal block rates for  
21 the DSM amortization rate. Therefore, we oppose  
22 bi-annual rate changes at the intervals that the  
23 Company previously described. For the purposes of  
24 this docket, the Office advocates for a single rate  
25 that is forecasted to result in net zero carrying

1 charges for the 12-month period of November 2016  
2 through October 2017. According to Exhibit 1.3-U2,  
3 that rate is \$.19054 per decatherm.

4 The Company has indicated that it supports  
5 the Office's proposal and we believe that this rate  
6 will be just, reasonable, and in the public  
7 interest.

8 **Q. Did you have anything further?**

9 A. No.

10 MR. OLSEN: Mr. Mangelson is  
11 available for cross-examination.

12 OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

13 MS. CLARK: We don't have any  
14 questions.

15 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Jetter?

16 MR. JETTER: No questions. Thank  
17 you.

18 EXAMINATION

19 BY OFFICER REIF:

20 **Q. Okay. Mr. Mangelson, I have one quick**  
21 **question for you, and just to be absolutely sure --**  
22 **first of all, thank you for your explanation and**  
23 **clarification. That's very helpful. Given the**  
24 **updated submissions from the Company, do those**  
25 **submissions satisfy in whole your concerns that you**

1 **expressed in your October 25th memorandum?**

2 A. They do, but we wanted to have those  
3 comments on the record given the original filing.  
4 And I think that the Company still reserves the --  
5 they may still intend to file again in six months.

6 **Q. Okay. All right.**

7 A. I'm sorry. Did that answer your question?

8 **Q. I believe it did. Okay. Thank you very**  
9 **much, Mr. Mangelson.**

10 MS. CLARK: And is there anything  
11 further from the Office on this docket?

12 MR. OLSEN: Nothing further. Thank  
13 you.

14 OFFICER REIF: Okay. We'll move  
15 forward to Docket 16-057-12, and this is the Low  
16 Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate Docket.

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. CLARK:

19 **Q. Thank you. The Company will again call**  
20 **Mr. Mendenhall. And again for clarity of record,**  
21 **would you please state your name, title, and**  
22 **business address?**

23 A. Yes. My name is Kelly B. Mendenhall. My  
24 title is general manager of regulatory affairs, and  
25 my address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake

1 City, Utah.

2 Q. And was the Application and its  
3 attachments, were those prepared by you or under  
4 your direction?

5 A. Yes, they were.

6 Q. Do you have any corrections to the  
7 Application or any of the accompanying exhibits?

8 A. Yes. So Exhibit 1.5 -- this is, once  
9 again, the consolidated tariff sheets and I'd just  
10 like to correct the changes that were made in the  
11 Energy Efficiency Docket and then the impact they  
12 have on this Combined Tariff Sheet. So if we go to  
13 Exhibit 1.5 -- and once again, we have proposed  
14 legislative rates -- and I'll just walk you through  
15 the changes.

16 So moving down to the third line, DSM  
17 Amortization, that rate should be all the way  
18 across. All four rates should be \$.19054. Then if  
19 we move down to Distribution Non-Gas Rate, moving  
20 from left to right, first column, Summer Rates:  
21 First 45 decatherms, that number should be \$2.06573.  
22 Next column, Summer Rates: All Over 45 decatherms  
23 should be \$0.98789. Moving over one column, Winter  
24 Rates: First 45 decatherms should be \$2.73699. And  
25 the last column, Winter Rates: All Over 45

1 decatherms should be \$1.65916. Then moving down to  
2 the Total Rate, first column, Summer Rates: First  
3 45 decatherms should be \$6.58994. Next column,  
4 Summer Rates: All Over 45 decatherms should be  
5 \$5.51210. Next column, Winter Rates: First 45  
6 decatherms should be \$7.89007. And last column,  
7 Winter Rates: All Over 45 decatherms should be  
8 \$6.81224. And that's all the corrections I have in  
9 this docket.

10 **Q. Mr. Mendenhall, would you adopt as your**  
11 **testimony today the Application and the accompanying**  
12 **exhibits as corrected?**

13 A. Yes, I would.

14 MS. CLARK: The company would move to  
15 admit the Application and accompanying exhibits, 1.1  
16 through 1.5 as corrected.

17 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?

18 MR. JETTER: No objection.

19 MR. OLSEN: No objection.

20 OFFICER REIF: They're admitted.

21 BY MS. CLARK:

22 **Q. Thank you. Mr. Mendenhall, would you**  
23 **please summarize the relief the Company requests in**  
24 **this docket?**

25 A. I would love to. So in this docket, the

1 Company is asking for a tariff change and an  
2 adjustment to the Low Income Assistance/Energy  
3 Assistance Rate. So the change to the rate that is  
4 being charged to collect the funds that will be used  
5 for this program will result in a \$.16 or 2/100 of a  
6 percent reduction to the typical customer's bill.

7 The Company, at the same time, is  
8 proposing to increase the Annual Energy Assistance  
9 Credit to those who qualify to \$70 per year, and it  
10 is projected that there will be \$1.8 million  
11 available for this program during the 2016-2017  
12 winter heating season. And based on projected  
13 participation, it's anticipated that we'll be able  
14 to increase the credit going to customers to \$70 to  
15 help them pay their bills during the winter heating  
16 season. And the Company is proposing that these  
17 changes be made effective November 1, 2016. That  
18 concludes my summary.

19 MS. CLARK: Mr. Mendenhall is  
20 available for further questioning.

21 OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

22 MR. JETTER: No questions from the  
23 Division. Thank you.

24 MR. OLSEN: No questions from the  
25 Office. Thank you.

1 MS. CLARK: That concludes the  
2 Company's presentation of evidence.

3 OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

4 EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. JETTER:

6 Q. Thank you. The Division will call its  
7 witness, Mr. Douglas Wheelwright. Will you please  
8 state your name and occupation for the record.

9 A. My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright. I'm a  
10 technical consultant for the Division of Public  
11 Utilities.

12 Q. Thank you. And have you had the  
13 opportunity to review the Application made by the  
14 Company in this docket, as well as the other filings  
15 that have corrected a few, I believe, mathematical  
16 errors in this docket?

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 Q. And did you create and cause to be filed  
19 with the Commission an Action Request Response dated  
20 October 25th, 2016?

21 A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. And with respect to the issues in this  
23 docket that are reflected in that document, are  
24 there any edits or corrections that you would like  
25 to make to that?



1 A. No.

2 Q. And do the comments regarding the issues  
3 in this docket reflected in the October 25th, 2016  
4 Action Request Response continue to accurately  
5 reflect the opinion of the Division?

6 A. Yes, they do.

7 Q. And have you prepared a brief statement  
8 for this docket?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Please, go ahead.

11 A. Thank you. Docket 16-057-12 is a request  
12 to adjust the Low Income Assistance component of the  
13 DNG rates and increase the annual assistance amount  
14 available to qualifying customers. The Division has  
15 reviewed and supports the Application as submitted  
16 by the Company and agrees that the annual credit  
17 should be increased from \$61.50 to \$70.00. If this  
18 docket is approved individually, a typical GS  
19 customer will see a decrease of \$.16 in their annual  
20 bill. This program does not require an audit of the  
21 individual entries and does not require interim  
22 approval.

23 The Division believes that the requested  
24 changes are in the public interest and represent  
25 just and reasonable rates. And that concludes my

1 summary.

2 MR. JETTER: Thank you. I have no  
3 further questions for Mr. Wheelwright. He's  
4 available for cross-examination.

5 OFFICER REIF: Thank you. Any  
6 questions?

7 MS. CLARK: No questions.

8 MR. OLSEN: No questions.

9 OFFICER REIF: Thank you for your  
10 testimony, Mr. Wheelwright. Anything further from  
11 the Division?

12 MR. JETTER: No, your Honor.

13 MR. OLSEN: The Office doesn't intend  
14 to call any witnesses in this docket. Thank you.

15 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Thank you.  
16 Anything further before we move on? All right.  
17 We'll hear now Docket 16-057-13. This is the  
18 Infrastructure Rate Adjustment docket.

19 EXAMINATION

20 BY MS. CLARK:

21 Q. The Company calls Mr. Jordan Stephenson.  
22 Mr. Stephenson, you have been previously sworn.  
23 Would you please state your name, title, and  
24 business address for the record.

25 A. Yes. My name is Jordan Stephenson. I'm a

1 senior regulatory affairs analyst. My address is  
2 333 South State, Salt Lake City, Utah.

3 **Q. Mr. Stephenson, was the Application and**  
4 **the accompanying exhibits prepared by you or under**  
5 **your direction?**

6 A. Yes.

7 **Q. Do you have any corrections to the**  
8 **Application or any of the accompanying exhibits?**

9 A. Yes. Exhibit 1.6 is the Combined Tariff  
10 Sheets. And similar to previous dockets today, I  
11 have some changes related to the DSM amortization  
12 rate on the GS rate schedule, which is page 2-2.  
13 And this change applies to both the legislative and  
14 proposed copies of this tariff sheet.

15 And so beginning with the DSM Amortization  
16 row, in the first column, the Summer Rates: First  
17 45 decatherms, that rate should read \$.19054. And  
18 that change applies to each rate on this row from  
19 left to right. So both Summer Rates and both Winter  
20 Rates should read \$.19054.

21 And continuing down to the Distribution  
22 Non-gas Rate, on the Summer: First 45 decatherms  
23 column, it should read \$2.06573. And in the Summer:  
24 All Over 45 decatherms, it should read .19 -- sorry,  
25 \$.98789. Under Winter Rates: The First 45

1 decatherms, it should read \$2.73699. And Winter  
2 Rates: All Over 45 decatherms should read \$1.65916.

3 And then the final row to change would be  
4 the Total Rate. And under the Summer: First 45  
5 decatherms, it should read \$6.58994, and under  
6 Summer Rates: All Over 45 decatherms, it should  
7 \$5.51210. And under Winter Rates: The First 45  
8 decatherms, it should read \$7.89007, and Winter  
9 Rates: All Over 45 decatherms should read \$6.81224.  
10 And that completes the corrections.

11 **Q. Would you adopt today as your testimony**  
12 **the Application and accompanying Exhibits, 1.1**  
13 **through 1.6 as corrected?**

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. CLARK: The Company would move  
16 for admission of the Application and Exhibits 1.1  
17 through 1.6 as corrected on the record today.

18 OFFICER REIF: Thank you. Any  
19 objection?

20 MR. JETTER: No objections.

21 MR. OLSEN: No objections.

22 OFFICER REIF: They're admitted.

23 BY MS. CLARK:

24 **Q. Thank you. Mr. Stephenson, would you**  
25 **please summarize the relief the Company is**

1 **requesting in this docket?**

2 A. Yes. In this docket, the Company seeks to  
3 change the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment to include  
4 investment related to high-pressure and intermediate  
5 high-pressure infrastructure replacement projects  
6 that were in service as of September 29th, 2016.

7 The majority of the incremental  
8 investments since the last Tracker filing comes from  
9 the Feeder Line 6 and 24 projects. The Company is  
10 requesting a \$6.3 million-dollar increase in annual  
11 revenue related to this investment, resulting in an  
12 unadjusted revenue requirement of \$17.2 million if  
13 approved. If approved, this would result in an  
14 increase of \$4.94 per year or .7 percent paid by a  
15 typical customer using 80 decatherms per year. And  
16 this concludes my summary.

17 MS. CLARK: Mr. Stephenson is  
18 available for further questioning.

19 MR. JETTER: No questions from the  
20 Division.

21 MR. OLSEN: No questions.

22 OFFICER REIF: Ms. Clark, I have a  
23 question. I'm not sure if it's a question that  
24 Mr. Stephenson wants to address, but it is a  
25 question that we have for Questar related to the

1 filing -- whether the current filing recognizes  
2 Path's potential impact on the incremental revenue  
3 requirement in this docket. Path being the Path  
4 Legislation.

5 THE WITNESS: I can speak to that.  
6 So that was the law that included bonus depreciation  
7 rates and, yes, that law is included in the  
8 calculation in this docket.

9 OFFICER REIF: Thank you very much.  
10 We appreciate that clarification. Mr. Jetter?

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. JETTER:

13 Q. Thank you, your Honor. The Division would  
14 call its witness in this docket, Mr. Eric Orton.  
15 Mr. Orton, would you please state your name and  
16 occupation for the record?

17 A. My name is Eric Orton. I'm a technical  
18 consultant for the Division of Public Utilities.

19 Q. Thank you. And in the course of your  
20 employment as a technical consultant for the  
21 Division of Public Utilities, have you had the  
22 opportunity to review the Application filed by the  
23 Company in this docket, as well as the corrections  
24 to that Application that were made after the filing?

25 A. Yes.

1           **Q.    And did you create and cause to be filed**  
2           **with the Commission an Action Request Response dated**  
3           **October 25th, 2016 in this docket?**

4           A.    That's correct.

5           **Q.    Are there any corrections or edits you'd**  
6           **like to make to that?**

7           A.    No, I believe it's accurate.

8           **Q.    Would you adopt the statements in there as**  
9           **your testimony today?**

10          A.    I would.

11                   MR. JETTER:  With that, I'd like to  
12                   move to enter the Action Request Response dated  
13                   October 25th, 2016 in Docket Number 16-057-13 into  
14                   this docket.

15                   OFFICER REIF:  Any objection?

16                   MS. CLARK:  No objection.

17                   MR. OLSEN:  No objection.

18                   OFFICER REIF:  Admitted.

19                   MR. JETTER:  Thank you, your Honor.

20           BY MR. JETTER:

21           **Q.    Mr. Orton, would you like to give a brief**  
22           **summary of the Division's position?**

23           A.    I would.  Thank you.  In the last general  
24           rate case order, the Company was allowed to continue  
25           the Infrastructure Tracker Pilot Program and collect

1 the revenue requirement associated with this  
2 infrastructure plan investment. As a result, in  
3 this filing, the Company totals its infrastructure  
4 investment placed into service since its last filing  
5 last year through the end of September this year.

6 The Company now proposes to collect the  
7 revenue requirement associated with this investment  
8 amount in rates. The result is a request for and  
9 increase of approximately \$6.3 million. This  
10 amount, in addition to what is already allowed in  
11 rates, provides a total proposed revenue requirement  
12 of \$17.2 million.

13 Based on the Division's review, the  
14 Application appears compliant with the Commission's  
15 order. The rates are just, reasonable, and in the  
16 public interest. Therefore, we recommend that the  
17 Application be approved on an interim basis until  
18 the Division can complete an audit, at which time we  
19 will make a final recommendation to the Commission.  
20 That concludes my remarks. Thank you.

21 MR. JETTER: Thank you, Mr. Orton. I  
22 have no further questions and Mr. Orton is available  
23 for questions from the other parties.

24 OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

25 MS. CLARK: No questions.



1 MR. OLSEN: No questions. Thank you.

2 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Orton, thank you  
3 for your testimony.

4 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

5 OFFICER REIF: Does the Office have  
6 anything they would like to address in this docket?

7 MR. OLSEN: We do not. Thank you.

8 OFFICER REIF: We'll move on to the  
9 last docket, 16-057-14. This is the Daily Imbalance  
10 Charge docket.

11 EXAMINATION

12 BY MS. CLARK:

13 Q. Thank you. The Company calls, once again,  
14 Mr. Mendenhall. And, for the last time today, would  
15 you please state your name, your title, and your  
16 business address for clarity of the record?

17 A. Yes. My name is Kelly B. Mendenhall. My  
18 title is general manager of regulatory affairs, and  
19 my address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake  
20 City, Utah.

21 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Mendenhall, I'm  
22 sorry to interrupt, but I don't think your  
23 microphone is on.

24 BY MS. CLARK:

25 Q. Mr. Mendenhall, were the Application and

1 accompanying exhibits in this docket prepared by you  
2 or under your direction?

3 A. Yes, they were.

4 Q. And do you have any corrections to this  
5 Application or the Company exhibits?

6 A. I'm happy to say that I have no  
7 corrections in this case docket.

8 Q. And would you adopt the Application and  
9 accompanying exhibits as your testimony today?

10 A. Yes, I would.

11 MS. CLARK: The Company would move to  
12 admit the Application and accompanying exhibits, 1.1  
13 through 1.3 into the record.

14 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?

15 MR. JETTER: No objection.

16 MR. OLSEN: No objection.

17 OFFICER REIF: They're admitted.

18 BY MS. CLARK:

19 Q. Thank you. Mr. Mendenhall, would you  
20 please summarize the relief the Company requests in  
21 this docket?

22 A. Sure. In this docket, the Company seeks  
23 to update the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge  
24 using the historical data for the 12-months ended  
25 August 2016. This update is done pursuant to

1 Paragraph 4J of the Utah Public Commission order  
2 dated November 9th, 2015 in Docket 14-057-31.

3 Based on the most recent historical data,  
4 the Company is proposing to slightly increase the  
5 rate by 2/10 of a penny to \$.8.125 per decatherm.  
6 This rate will be assessed to daily imbalances  
7 outside of a 5 percent tolerance on transportation  
8 customers. And the Company is proposing that this  
9 rate be made effective November 1st, 2016. That  
10 concludes my summary.

11 MS. CLARK: The Company has no  
12 further questions for Mr. Mendenhall, and he's  
13 available for questions from other parties.

14 OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

15 MR. JETTER: No questions. Thank  
16 you.

17 MR. OLSEN: No questions. Thank you.

18 OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

19 Mr. Jetter?

20 EXAMINATION

21 BY MR. JETTER:

22 Q. The Division in this docket will call  
23 Mr. Douglas Wheelwright. Mr. Wheelwright, would you  
24 please state your name and occupation for the record  
25 in this docket?

1           A.    My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright. I'm a  
2   technical consultant for the Division of Public  
3   Utilities.

4           Q.    Thank you. And in the course of your  
5   employment with the Division of Public Utilities,  
6   have you had an opportunity to review the  
7   Application filed in this docket by the Company?

8           A.    Yes, I have.

9           Q.    And did you create and cause to be filed  
10   with the Commission an Action Request Response from  
11   the Division of Public Utilities dated October 25th,  
12   2016?

13          A.    Yes, I did.

14          Q.    And with respect to the portions of that  
15   document relevant to this docket, do you have any  
16   corrections or edits you'd like to make?

17          A.    No.

18          Q.    And with respect to the entirety of that  
19   document with the corrections that we have made  
20   earlier today, would you adopt it all as your  
21   testimony?

22          A.    Yes, I would.

23                   MR. JETTER: Thank you. I'd like to  
24   move at this time to enter into the record the  
25   Action Request Response of the Division of Public

1 Utilities filed in Dockets 09, 10, 12, and 14 today.  
2 And I guess I would move to enter that into this  
3 docket and, probably retroactively, if I might, to  
4 the other dockets as well.

5 OFFICER REIF: Any objections?

6 MS. CLARK: No objections.

7 MR. OLSEN: No objections.

8 OFFICER REIF: They're admitted.

9 MR. JETTER: Thank you.

10 OFFICER REIF: It's admitted.

11 BY MR. JETTER:

12 **Q. And have you prepared a brief statement**  
13 **summarizing the Division's position in this docket?**

14 A. Yes, I have.

15 **Q. Please, go ahead.**

16 A. Thank you. Docket Number 16-057-14, known  
17 as the Transportation Imbalance Charge, was  
18 established to charge transportation customers for  
19 the supplier non-gas services that are being used on  
20 the Questar gas system.

21 The calculation of this rate is based on a  
22 methodology approved in Docket 14-057-31 and is to  
23 be adjusted with each pass-through filing and in the  
24 next General Rate case. The current calculation  
25 includes the actual volumes for the 12 months ending

1 August 2016 and represents an increase from \$07.955  
2 per decatherm to \$08.125 per decatherm. This rate  
3 applies to transportation customers that are taking  
4 service under MT, TS and FT-1 rate schedules, and  
5 any amount collected under the rate is credited to  
6 GS customers through the 191 Account. This rate  
7 applies only to the customer's daily nominations  
8 that are outside the plus or minus 5 percent daily  
9 tolerance limit. Transportation customers can  
10 minimize and possibly avoid this charge through  
11 accurate daily gas nominations.

12 The current imbalance charge has only been  
13 in place since February 2016, and it does appear  
14 that the nominations of many customers have become  
15 more accurate since this rate was imposed. The  
16 Division recommends the proposed rate be approved on  
17 an interim basis until a full audit of the  
18 individual entries can be completed.

19 In summary, the Division supports and  
20 recommends approval of the rate changes requested in  
21 all six of the dockets discussed today. The  
22 Division would recommend approval of five of the  
23 dockets on an interim basis until an audit of the  
24 individual entries can be completed. As mentioned  
25 previously, the Low Income Docket No. 16-057-12 does

1 not need interim approval.

2 While each docket had been presented  
3 independently, the Division has completed a summary  
4 of the combined impact of all the proposed changes.  
5 With increases in the Pass-Through and  
6 Infrastructure Tracker Dockets and decreases in the  
7 CET, DSM, and Low Income dockets, if all six dockets  
8 are approved, a typical GS customer will see a net  
9 increase of approximately \$0.41 per year or  
10 .06 percent increase from the rates currently in  
11 effect.

12 The Division believes the requested  
13 changes are in the public interest and represent  
14 just and reasonable rates. And that concludes my  
15 summary.

16 MR. JETTER: Thank you. The Division  
17 has no further questions for Mr. Wheelwright, and  
18 he's available for cross-examination.

19 OFFICER REIF: Any questions?

20 MS. CLARK: No questions.

21 MR. OLSEN: No questions. Thank you.

22 OFFICER REIF: Thank you for your  
23 testimony, Mr. Wheelwright. Does the Office have  
24 anything they would like to add?

25 MR. OLSEN: No, your Honor, not at

1 this time. Thank you.

2 OFFICER REIF: All right. So that  
3 concludes our hearing on this matter.

4 MS. CLARK: The one matter the  
5 Company would like to raise on the record -- given  
6 the changes to the Combined Tariff Sheets that were  
7 described in each of the dockets today -- the  
8 Company would propose to file today Combined Tariff  
9 Sheets for the review of the parties in the  
10 Commission to ensure that there is no confusion.

11 OFFICER REIF: I'm sure we can  
12 address that. Is there anything else that the  
13 Company is requesting?

14 MS. CLARK: No. I just wanted to  
15 raise that in the event that anyone had opinions or  
16 desired on-the-record discussions on the matter.

17 OFFICER REIF: Since today is October  
18 31st and tomorrow is the 1st and that's your  
19 requested effective date, might the Company also be  
20 seeking a bench order today?

21 MS. CLARK: The Company would be  
22 seeking a bench order today. Thank you.

23 OFFICER REIF: With that in mind,  
24 we'll be in recess for a few minutes and come back  
25 and give you our ruling on that. Thank you.



1 (A brief recess was taken.)

2 OFFICER REIF: To address the  
3 Company's first request to file revised tariffs,  
4 that request is granted, so we'll be expecting those  
5 today. Secondly, addressing the motion for a bench  
6 ruling, we are going to address that in two  
7 different ways, because we have interim rates and  
8 not interim rates. So we'll address the interim  
9 rates first.

10 Based on the Application filed in  
11 Docket Numbers 16-057-09, 10, 11, 13, and 14, the  
12 Division's and the Office's comments, and the testimony  
13 presented at hearing, the Commission concludes that it  
14 is just, reasonable, and in the public interest to  
15 approve the previously identified Applications. The  
16 rates are approved on an interim basis as modified by  
17 the testimony and exhibits, pending Division's --  
18 excuse me -- pending the Division's forthcoming audit  
19 and are approved effective November 1st, 2016.

20 In addition, based on the Application  
21 filed in Docket Number 16-057-12, the Division's and  
22 the Office's comments, and the testimony presented at  
23 hearing, the Commission concludes that it is just,  
24 reasonable, and in the public interest to approve the  
25 Application. The approval is effective November 1st,

1 2016. This bench order will be memorialized in a  
2 written order following this hearing. We are  
3 adjourned. Thank you very much.

4 (The proceedings concluded at 10:15 a.m.)

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