

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Amortize the Demand Side Management/Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance

DOCKET NO. 16-057-11
ORDER SETTING FINAL RATES

ISSUED: March 16, 2017

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 29, 2016, Questar Gas Company (Questar) filed an application (Application) with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) requesting approval to amortize the balance of its Demand Side Management (DSM)/Energy Efficiency (EE) Account No. 182.4 (DSM Account). In its Application, Questar proposed a DSM amortization rate of \$0.19385 per decatherm applicable to the GS rate schedule. On October 24, 2016, Questar met with representatives of the Utah Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Office of Consumer Services and identified items to update, change, or clarify in QGC Exhibit 1.3U, resulting in a revised rate of \$0.19054 per decatherm.¹

At the October 31, 2016 hearing on this matter, the PSC approved the Application and revised exhibits (October 2016 Bench Ruling). The October 2016 Bench Ruling was memorialized in the PSC's Order Memorializing Bench Ruling (Order) issued on December 16, 2016.² The Order approved the Application on an interim basis, pending the final results of the DPU's audit of Questar's DSM/EE program expenditures.

¹ This rate represents a decrease of the DSM amortization rate component of the DNG Rate for all GS Rate Schedule usage blocks from the \$0.24341 per decatherm approved in Docket No. 15-057-18. In support of this change, on October 25, 2016, Questar filed updated QGC Exhibits 1.3U2, 1.4U, 1.5U2 and 1.6U.

² The procedural history of this docket between September 29 and December 16, 2016 is provided in the Order.

On January 12, 2017, the DPU filed a report providing the results of its audit of Questar's actual DSM/EE program expenditures for the eleven-month period ending August 31, 2016 (January Audit Report). Thereafter, the PSC issued a notice of filing and comment period allowing comments and reply comments on the DPU's January Audit Report to be filed by February 24 and March 10, 2017, respectively. No comments or reply comments were filed, and the time for doing so has elapsed.

THE DPU'S AUDIT

In the January Audit Report, the DPU explains its audit method and states the DSM/EE program expenditures during the audit period appear to be correct. In conclusion, the DPU requests approval of the rates on a permanent basis.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on Questar's Application and revised exhibits, the DPU's January Audit Report, and the absence of objection, we find the DSM amortization rate of \$0.19054 per decatherm is just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Accordingly, we approve the rate as final.

ORDER

The interim rate requested by Questar Gas Company to amortize the Demand Side Management/Energy Efficiency Account Balance in this docket is final.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 16, 2017.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on March 16, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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