

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Make Tariff Modifications to Charge Transportation Customers for Peak Hour Services	<u>DOCKET NO. 17-057-09</u> <u>SCHEDULING ORDER AND ORDER</u> <u>SUSPENDING TARIFF</u>
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ISSUED: May 11, 2017

In accordance with the discussion at the scheduling conference held May 10, 2017, the parties agreed to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE

ITEM	DEADLINE/DATE/TIME/LOCATION
Technical Conference	Wednesday, June 28, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 401, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Any party who wishes to submit questions to Questar Gas Company in advance of the technical conference should send them via email to Barrie McKay (barrie.mckay@questar.com) and Jenniffer Nelson Clark (jenniffer.clark@questar.com) before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017.
Direct Testimony	Wednesday, July 26, 2017
Intervention	Wednesday, August 2, 2017
Rebuttal Testimony	Friday, August 25, 2017
Surrebuttal Testimony	Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Hearing	Tuesday, September 26, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

DISCOVERY

Discovery turn-around times are: 14 calendar days until July 26, 2017; 7 calendar days until August 25, 2017; and best efforts thereafter. Parties shall serve copies of all filings on other parties by electronic mail at or before the time an electronic copy of the document is required to be filed with the PSC. In the event a document filed with the PSC or produced in response to a discovery request cannot reasonably be transmitted by electronic mail, the party filing the document shall file an electronic copy of the document on CD (or, if an electronic copy is not available, a paper copy) with the PSC by hand delivery and shall serve an electronic copy of the document on CD (or, if an electronic copy is not available, a paper copy) on each applicable party by hand delivery if the party being served is in the same metropolitan area as the serving party, or by overnight courier if the party being served is located in a different metropolitan area from the serving party.

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

A technical conference will be held on **Wednesday, June 28, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** The technical conference will be held in the Fourth Floor Room 401, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. The purpose of the technical conference is to allow Questar Gas Company to present information to PSC staff and interested parties concerning its application in this docket.

Depending on the questions submitted in advance of the technical conference, the later part of the technical conference may be designated confidential. In such case, the initial portion of the technical conference will be open to the public, any individual wishing to participate in the later, confidential portion of the technical conference must have filed a petition to intervene in

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this docket on or before June 23, 2017. If the petition to intervene is opposed, the PSC will rule on the petition at the beginning of the technical conference.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The PSC will conduct a hearing in this docket on **Tuesday, September 26, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will be held in the **Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.** All parties must have their witnesses in attendance and prepared to testify.

Individuals wishing to participate in the hearing by telephone should contact the PSC two days in advance by calling (801) 530-6716 or (toll-free) 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) to receive a bridge number and participant passcode. Participants attending by telephone should then call the bridge number five minutes before the hearing, entering the passcode followed by the # sign to ensure participation.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during the hearing should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the hearing.

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

On May 1, 2017, Questar Gas Company (Questar) filed proposed revisions to Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 400.¹ Questar's filing "seeks to charge transportation customers for their use of Firm Peaking Services provided to Questar . . . by Kern River Natural Gas Transmission Company[.]"² Questar proposes a new peak hour demand charge of \$0.56 per decatherm, applicable to transportation customers taking service under the FT-1, MT, and TS rate schedules, effective June 1, 2017.³

Utah Administrative Code R746-405-2(E)(1) provides: "Utility tariffs may not increase rates, charges or conditions . . . unless a showing has been made before and a finding has been made by the [PSC] that the increases or changes are justified." Pursuant to R746-405-2(E)(4)(a), the PSC may suspend the effective date of the tariff for reasons the PSC determines.

Because a finding of whether the increases or changes resulting from Questar's filing are justified will extend beyond the requested effective date of June 1, 2017, we suspend the tariff changes proposed in this docket until further notice. This Order does not modify the schedule separately established above in this docket.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 11, 2017.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif
Presiding Officer

¹ See Application, filed May 1, 2017.

² See *id.* at 1.

³ See *id.* at 2.

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Approved and Confirmed May 11, 2017 as the Order of the Public Service Commission
of Utah.

/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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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on May 11, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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