

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar )  
Gas Company to Adjust Rates for Natural )  
Gas Service in Utah )

DOCKET NO. 00-057-03

INTERIM ORDER

ISSUED: July 17, 2000

By the Commission:

On June 14, 2000, Questar Gas Company ("QGC" or the "Company") filed with the Commission an application requesting approval to slightly reduce sales rates for residential and small commercial customers primarily because of increased reliance on lower-cost, Company-owned gas. In contrast, the requested commodity costs for the applicable interruptible sales customer classes increased from \$2.27555/Dth to \$3.87344/Dth because they do not receive the benefit of the lower-cost Company production.

The Division of Public Utilities (the "Division") has reviewed the Company's application and recommended in its June 22, 2000, memorandum that the proposed rate changes be implemented for the interruptible sales customer as proposed. Because purchased gas prices increased dramatically from the price forecast used by the Company in its Application, the Division recommends that GS and other firm classes' rates be kept at current levels instead of slightly decreasing the rates as proposed by the Company. According to its June 28, 2000, letter from counsel, QGC did not oppose this recommendation.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- the interruptible sales rates proposed in the Company's Application be implemented on an interim basis effective July 1, 2000. Rates for GS and other firm rate schedules shall remain unchanged as recommended by the Division.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary