

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company for a General Increase in Rates and Charges))))	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCKET NO. 99-057-20</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR</u> <u>CONTINUANCE</u></p>
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ISSUED: January 4, 2000

By The Commission:

On December 17, 1999, Questar Gas Company ("QGC" or "Company") filed an Application for an increase in rates of charges of \$22 million in distribution non-gas revenues. Concurrently with its Application, the Company also filed an Emergency Motion for Interim Rate Relief in the amount of \$7,065,000 effective January 1, 2000. The Company stated that the interim relief is needed to allow for recovery of costs associated with CO₂ processing costs. On December 20, 1999, we issued a notice setting QGC's Emergency Motion for hearing on December 29, 1999.

On December 22, 1999, the Division of Public Utilities ("Division") filed a Motion for Continuance requesting that the matter be continued to allow the Division time to prepare a response to Questar's Motion. The Division stated that it had reviewed the Company's Motion but did not have sufficient information to provide the Commission with an analysis of whether the Company is suffering financial harm to warrant recovery of the CO₂ costs on an interim basis pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 85-049-02 (June 26, 1985). The Division requested that the hearing be continued to January 11, 2000.

On December 23, 1999, we issued a notice setting the Division's Motion for Continuance for December 29, 1999. At the hearing on the Division's Motion, the parties indicated that they had reached an agreement to give the Division additional time to prepare a response to the Company's Motion and that the Division would file responsive testimony on the issue on January 3, 2000. The parties also agreed to continue the hearing on QGC's Emergency Motion to Tuesday January 4, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. The parties also requested that the Commission issue an order on Questar's Motion by Thursday January 6, 2000. The Commission agreed to continue the matter to January 4, 2000, at 1:00 p.m.

Based upon the foregoing and good cause appearing therefore, the Commission makes the following:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the hearing set for December 29, 1999 on QGC's Emergency Motion for Interim Rate Relief is hereby continued to January 4, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission's hearing room, room #426, 4th Floor, Heber M. Wells Building, Salt Lake City, Utah.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 4th day of January, 2000.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

/s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

Commission Secretary

