

Docket No.
15-999-02



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Dear Ms. Bose:

Re: Docket No. CP15- -000
Questar Pipeline Company
Request Under Blanket Authorization
To Abandon the Price Dew Point Plant

Enclosed for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is Questar Pipeline Company's (Questar) prior-notice request. Questar is filing this prior notice electronically pursuant to 18 CFR § 385.2003 and the latest FERC eFiling User Guide regarding the filing of documents via the internet.

Also, pursuant to the Commission's eFiling guidelines, Questar will provide two complete courtesy copies of the filing, on paper, to the Office of Energy Projects, Room 61-47, by the next business day after eFiling.

Please direct any questions concerning this prior-notice request to me at the phone number or email address provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Greg Williams

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Questar Pipeline Company)

Docket No. CP15- -000

REQUEST UNDER BLANKET AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §§ 157.205 and 157.216(b) and the blanket authorization issued to Questar Pipeline Company (Questar) by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) in Docket No. CP82-491-000,¹ Questar submits its request seeking authorization to abandon in place, its Price Dew Point Plant and appurtenant facilities (collectively the Price DPP or Plant) located in Carbon County, Utah.

I

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Questar owns and operates the Price DPP as part of its southern interstate pipeline transmission system located in Carbon County, Utah. The Price DPP is located in Questar's Price yard, adjacent to Questar's Main Lines (MLs) 40 and 104 of the southern pipeline transmission system. As more particularly set forth below, the Plant includes a processing skid, glycol skid, refrigeration system, and a hot oil system. The Plant historically conditioned gas to meet the needs of a downstream utility. Due to upstream processing of gas supplies by large cryogenic processing plants there is no longer a need for processing at the Price DPP, and the Plant has been inactive for over a year. In addition, Questar does not believe there will be a need for the Plant in the foreseeable future. Therefore, Questar is proposing to abandon the Plant and associated facilities to eliminate the need for ongoing facility

¹*Mountain Fuel Resources, Inc.*, 20 FERC ¶ 62,580 (1982).

maintenance costs. Questar proposes to abandon the facilities in place. The depreciated net book value of the Price DPP is \$3,162,180. The estimated cost to abandon the Price DPP in place is \$65,000.

II

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Questar is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Utah with authority to transact business in that state and others. The principal office is located at 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

Questar was found to be a natural-gas company within the meaning of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) by order issued in Docket No. CP76-111.² Questar provides open-access transportation service in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming and open-access storage service in Utah and Wyoming.

The persons designated to receive service pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.203(b)(3) in connection with this proceeding are:

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III

PRIOR NOTICE REQUEST

The Price DPP was initially installed by Mountain Fuel Supply Company in 1981 to prevent natural gas liquids from entering its downstream distribution system.

²*Mountain Fuel Resources, Inc.*, 55 FPC 2322 (1976).

Effective July 1, 1984, the Plant facilities became part of Mountain Fuel Resources, Questar's predecessor, as part of the corporate reorganization under Docket No. CP80-274, et al.³ Over the past several years, large cryogenic processing plants have been built upstream of Price that capture the liquids and deliver dry gas to Questar's pipeline system. Because of these upstream processing plants, the Price DPP has been inactive for over a year. In addition, Questar does not believe there will be a need for the Plant in the foreseeable future. Therefore, Questar is proposing to abandon the Plant. Moreover, Questar has contracted with a non-jurisdictional processing plant located in the Price Yard to provide back-up gas conditioning services should it be needed. Questar proposes to abandon the Price DPP facilities in place, incorporate any useful parts in other areas of Questar's system, and then eventually properly dispose of any remaining unused facilities.

Pursuant to Commission regulations at 18 C.F.R. §§ 157.205(b)(3) and 157.216(c), Questar submits the following information in support of its prior notice request to abandon in place the Price DPP facilities:

(1)(a) *Location and description of the subject facilities:* The Price DPP is located adjacent to Questar's MLs 40 and 104 of the southern pipeline transmission system in Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 10 East, in Price, Utah (see Questar maps included as Page 1 and 2 of Attachment I). The Plant utilizes approximately 0.6 acres of land within Questar's existing 15 acre fenced yard (see attached map). As mentioned earlier, the Plant facilities consist of a processing skid and glycol skid located within a 50-foot by 45-foot building, a refrigeration system including a compressor located within a 28-foot by 16-foot building, hot oil system, communications equipment and other associated piping and appurtenances. To abandon the facilities, Questar will replace all necessary valves with blind flanges to

³ *Mountain Fuel Supply Co., et al.*, 27 FERC ¶ 61,316 (1984).

isolate and seal the system, purge the plant of all gases and liquids and replace them with nitrogen.

(1)(b) *Estimated Current Cost to replicate Price DPP facilities:* As a result of the Commission's efforts to expand the types of projects that may be abandoned under blanket certificate authority, the Commission stated in Order No. 686-B that a company seeking to rely on its blanket certificate to abandon a facility which was not initially constructed or acquired under blanket authority must estimate the current cost to replicate the facility.⁴ Summarized below pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 157.216(c)(1) is an estimate of current costs to replicate the Price DPP:

Price Dew Point Plant Estimate for "Today's Cost" Install

Land Acquisition	\$30,000
Public Outreach	5,000
Agency Involvement	10,000
Materials:	
Skid Mounted Equipment	11,300,000
Balance of Plant	2,000,000
Misc. Equipment	1,500,000
Initial Fill	200,000
Labor:	
Contractor	4,500,000
Questar	1,500,000
Engineering	600,000
Environmental	145,000

Total Cost	\$ 21,790,000
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(2) *Docket No. authorizing the construction and operation of facilities to be abandoned:* The Price DPP facilities were initially installed by Mountain Fuel Supply Company in 1981. The Plant was included among the list of facilities in the FERC application that transferred assets from Mountain Fuel Supply to Mountain

⁴*Revisions to the Blanket Certificate Regulations and Clarifications Regarding Rates*, Order No. 686-B, 120 FERC ¶ 61,249 (2007).

Fuel Resources, under the Docket No. CP80-274, et al. corporate reorganization mentioned above.

(3) ***Customer consent:*** No transportation contracts are associated with the Price DPP. Historically, when liquids –rich production increased in the area, Questar utilized the Plant to remove liquids. Declining production in the area and increasing processing upstream of Price has eliminated the need for the Plant at Price. If for some reason processing is needed at Price to protect downstream deliveries, Questar has contracted with a larger, more modern non-jurisdictional processing plant located in the Price yard for gas conditioning services. Therefore, Questar believes that no customer consent is required to abandon the Price DPP facilities. No rate or tariff changes are proposed by this application. This application seeks only to abandon the Plant facilities that have not been utilized during the past year. The abandonment will not adversely impact Questar's existing rates or customers.

(4) ***Proposed accounting treatment for the facilities to be abandoned:*** The depreciated net book value of the proposed Price DPP facilities to be abandoned as of February 28, 2015 is \$3,162,180. The estimated cost to abandon the Plant facilities in place is \$65,000. The proposed accounting treatment to remove the Price DPP from Questar's accounting records is provided as Attachment II.

IV

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The subject facilities proposed to be abandoned are located within a fenced yard owned by Questar and the abandonment work will not involve any ground disturbance. Therefore, Questar believes a concise analysis discussing the relevant issues outlined in 18 C.F.R. § 380.12 as required in § 157.216 (c)(5) is unnecessary. Since the abandonment activities will only involve removing valves and installing blind flanges to isolate the station from Questar's ML 40 and all activities will take place above ground,

Questar believes the proposed abandonment qualifies as a categorical exclusion provided in the Commission's regulations pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 380.4(a)(21), stating "neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement will be prepared for . . . [a]pprovals of blanket certificate applications and prior notice filings under § 152.204 and §§ 157.209 through 157.218 of this chapter

V

GENERAL COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES

In compliance with 18 C.F.R. § 157.205(b)(4), Questar submits a verified statement of compliance with the requirements of Part 157, Subpart F, and § 385.2011(c)(5) of the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 157.216(b)(1), Questar will provide a copy of this prior-notice abandonment application to the Utah Public Service Commission.

Attached is a form of notice suitable for publication in the Federal Register (*see* Attachment III).

VI

PUBLIC INTEREST

Questar's proposal will serve the public convenience and necessity by reducing unnecessary maintenance costs on its southern pipeline transmission system while at the same time maintaining safe, reliable deliveries to downstream markets. Further, Questar is able and willing to perform the acts described in this request as permitted by the NGA and the Commission's regulations.

WHEREFORE, Questar submits its prior-notice request for authority to abandon in place the Price DPP facilities, all as more fully described above.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

QUESTAR PIPELINE COMPANY

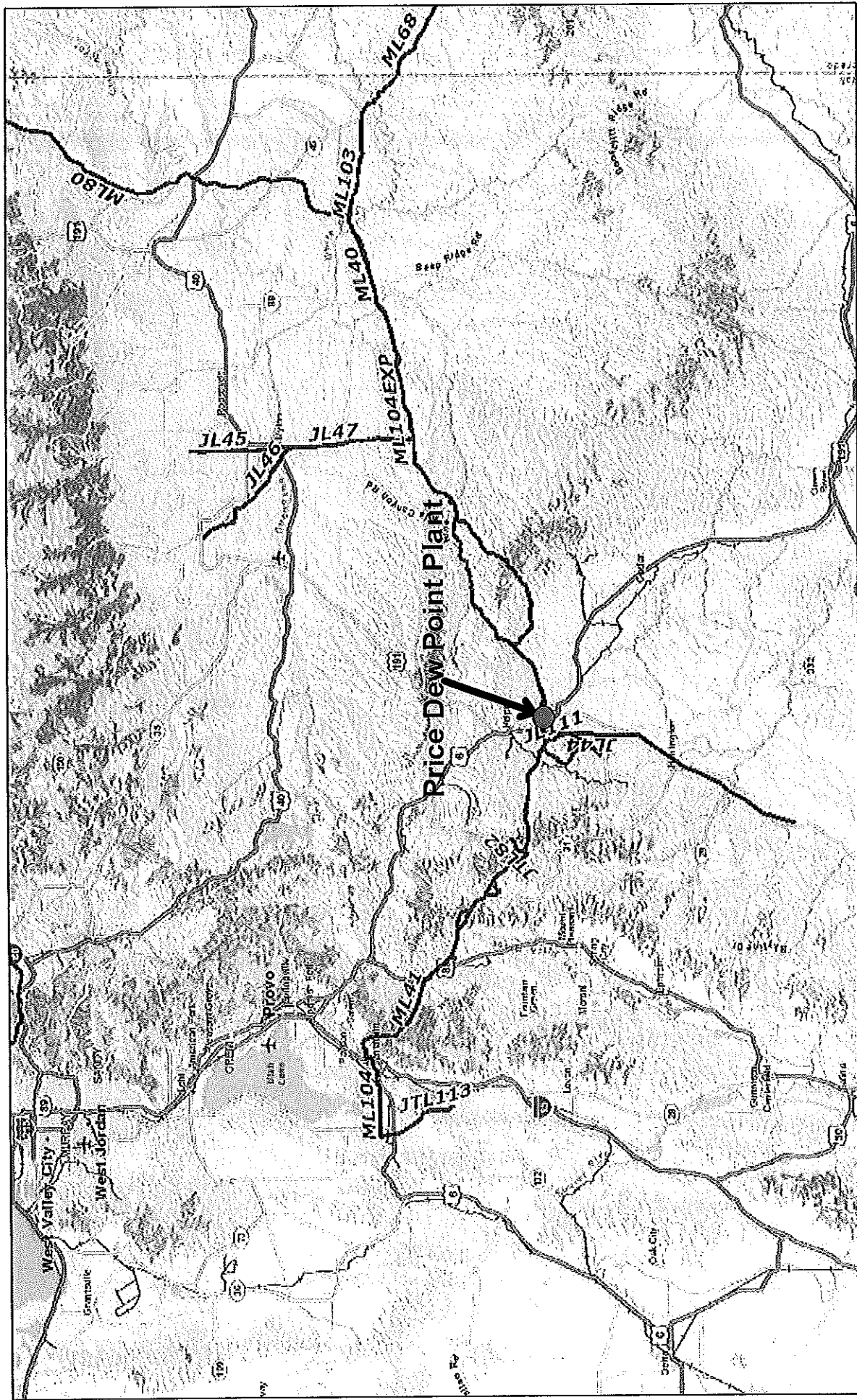
/s/ L. Bradley Burton

L. Bradley Burton, General Manager
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ATTACHMENT I

MAPS

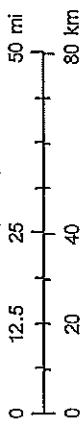
1. LOCATION OF THE PRICE DPP ON QUESTAR'S SOUTHERN
SYSTEM
2. LOCATION OF THE PRICE DPP WITHIN QUESTAR'S PRICE YARD



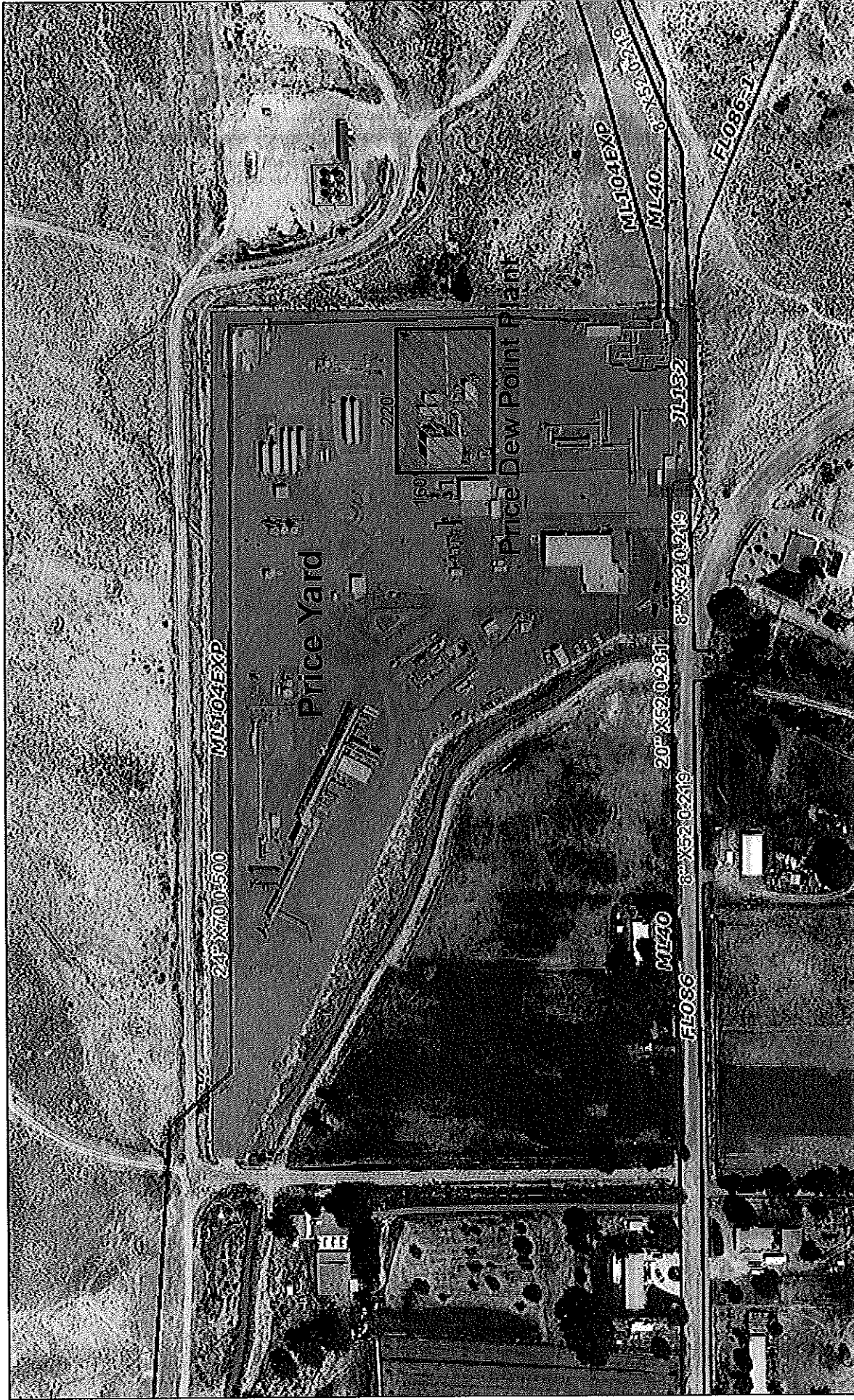
February 5, 2015

- QPC Centerline
- QPC Line Name

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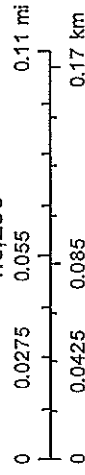
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February 5, 2015

- QPC Centerline
- QPC Line Name
- QGC Line Name
- ▲ Active
- ▲ Abandoned
- ▲ Proposed
- PipeSegment Active
- Site Boundaries

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and

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ATTACHMENT II
PROPOSED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

Attachment II
Accounting Treatment for the Price DPP Abandonment
As of February 28, 2015

Description	Account	Debit (\$)	Credit (\$)
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation – Gas Plant	108	2,960,521	
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes – Other Property	282		136,659
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation – Gas Plant (Dismantling)	108	65,000	
Measuring and Regulating Station Structures – Transmission Plant	366.2		254,614
Measuring and Regulating Station Equipment– Transmission Plant	369		2,705,907
Provision for Deferred Income Taxes	410.1	136,659	
Dismantling Costs	107		65,000

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ATTACHMENT III
FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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NOTICE OF REQUEST UNDER BLANKET AUTHORIZATION
(, 2015)

Take notice that on March , 2015, Questar Pipeline Company (Questar or the Applicant), 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111 filed in Docket No. CP15- -000 a request pursuant to 18 C.F.R. §§ 157.205 and 157.216(b) for authority to abandon in place, Questar's Price Dew Point Plant and appurtenant facilities (Price DPP) located in Carbon County, Utah. The request was made pursuant to the blanket certificate authorization issued to Questar in Docket No. CP82-491-000.

Any questions regarding this prior notice application should be directed to L. Bradley Burton, General Manager, Federal Regulatory Affairs and FERC Compliance Officer, Questar Pipeline Company, 333 South State Street, P.O. Box 45360, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0360. Mr. Burton also may be contacted at (801) 324-2459, (801) 324-5623 (fax) or brad.burton@questar.com.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. There is an "eSubscription" link on the web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8690.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on (insert date).

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

L. Bradley Burton states as follows: He is General Manager, Federal Regulatory Affairs and FERC Compliance Officer for Questar Pipeline Company and is authorized to make this statement; he believes that the abandonment in place of the Price DPP proposed by Questar in the foregoing request for authorization complies with the requirements of Part 157, Subpart F of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; he certifies, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.2011(c)(5), that the paper copies of this prior notice application are intended to contain the same information that was filed electronically; and, as the signer hereof, he believes the content of the paper copies and the information filed electronically is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

QUESTAR PIPELINE COMPANY

/s/ L. Bradley Burton

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March 10, 2015