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Questar Gas asks for first general rate increase since 1999 Company proposes energy-efficiency programs

SALT LAKE CITY – Questar Gas is asking the Wyoming Public Service Commission for an increase in its general rates. If approved, the increase would raise the monthly bill for Questar Gas’s typical residential customer by about two percent, or \$1.87 per month.

This is the utility’s first requested “general” rate increase since 1999. There are two types of rate cases in Wyoming. General rate cases deal with “non-gas costs.” “Pass-on” rate cases cover “gas costs.” The utility files “pass-on” rate cases more frequently to adjust its rates for the changing costs of gas supplies. The utility buys gas for its customers and passes the costs on to customers in its rates without markup.

“We haven’t had to request a general rate increase for nine years,” said Alan Allred, Questar Gas president and CEO. “We’ve held the line on rates by aggressively controlling costs – and our natural gas rates in Wyoming are consistently among the lowest in the nation. But today we’re serving 20 percent more homes and businesses in Wyoming than we did in 1999.”

“As part of this general rate case, we’re also proposing to offer our Wyoming customers the same energy-conservation programs that have been so well received in our Utah service territory,” said Allred. “We’re asking state regulators to allow us to recover

our costs for programs that promote energy conservation. Over the longer term these programs help lower the costs of natural gas service.”

“Our employees are getting the job done for our Wyoming customers – we’ve kept our costs and thus natural gas rates down without sacrificing service or reliability,” said Allred.

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Questar Gas, the utility subsidiary of Questar Corporation (NYSE: STR), provides retail natural gas-distribution service to more than 881,000 customers in Utah, southwestern Wyoming and a small portion of southeastern Idaho.