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## News Release

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### **Questar Gas seeks rate reduction**

SALT LAKE CITY —Questar Gas today asked the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) to reduce natural gas rates by \$2.7 million. If approved, the rate cut would lower the typical homeowner's annual bill for natural gas by \$84 or about 6.2%, beginning March 1, 2006.

“We buy gas for our customers at market prices and pass our purchase costs through in our rates, without markup,” said Alan Allred, president and CEO of Questar Gas. “We now expect our costs will be lower in the future, so we’re acting quickly to pass our expected savings on to our customers.”

The price of natural gas spiked to record levels last fall after hurricanes ripped through the Gulf of Mexico and knocked out nearly 20% of U.S. natural gas supply. Questar Gas, like other utilities across the country, was forced to increase its rates to cover its costs to buy natural gas at inflated prices. However, the price of natural gas has since fallen by about 50% as energy companies repair damaged facilities and Gulf supply is restored.

Allred added: “This has been a tough winter for our customers. We understand the public’s frustration with their natural gas bills. But what many in our community don’t understand is that high prices also hurt Questar Gas. Utilities don’t make money on rising prices.

We earn a PSC-regulated return on our investment in pipelines and related facilities required to deliver gas to 24,000 Wyoming homes and businesses. Our rates are tied to the volume of gas used by our customers. When prices rise, our customers use less. When customers use less, Questar Gas revenues go down.

“As always, we encourage our customers to conserve. For energy-saving tips, or to enroll in our Budget Plan, please see our Web site, [Questargas.com](http://Questargas.com)” Allred added.

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