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Questar Gas asks Wyoming PSC to cut natural gas rates by \$651,000

SALT LAKE CITY — The cost to heat a home in southwestern Wyoming is going down again. Questar Gas today asked the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) to reduce natural gas rates by \$651,000. If approved, the rate cut will lower the typical homeowner's annual bill by about \$13, or 1.73 percent, beginning Oct 1. This latest cut follows a Nov. 1, 2008, rate cut of \$11.9 million, a March 1, 2009 cut of \$4.4 million and a May 2009 refund of more than \$1.3 million.

"Gas prices continue to drop," said Ron Jibson, president and CEO of Questar Gas. "Our cost to purchase natural gas for our customers has declined significantly in the past year and this is the fourth decrease we've been able to pass on to our customers."

Typically Questar Gas adjusts gas-cost rates only twice a year. The company and the PSC use third-party forecasts of natural gas prices to estimate how much the utility's rates should be adjusted to cover anticipated costs of buying natural gas for its customers. This year, gas prices decreased more than what was forecasted. The company reminds customers, however, that natural gas prices can fluctuate with changes in supply and demand.

"Our rates continue to remain among the lowest in the country," said Jibson. "Abundant natural gas supplies in the U.S. are priced lower than most experts expected. This is a good thing for all of our customers, especially those who are on fixed incomes."

Income-eligible Questar Gas customers who struggle to pay their gas bill may qualify for financial help. Applications for federal funds may be obtained by calling the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). Customers may also qualify for funds from Energy Share of Wyoming, a program funded by voluntary donations from Questar Gas customers, employees and shareholders, and administered by the Salvation Army. Energy Share applicants must first apply for LIEAP. The program runs year-round or until funds are exhausted. For information about these programs, energy-saving tips, info or to enroll in Questar Gas's Budget Plan, please visit Questargas.com.

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