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Questar Gas Requests Rate Increase

SALT LAKE CITY — Questar Gas is requesting an increase in its Wyoming natural gas rates to reflect the higher cost of gas it buys for its customers. If the request is approved by the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC), the monthly bill for the typical residential customer will increase by about \$3.05 on June 1.

Twice yearly Questar Gas 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. These costs are passed on to customers with no markup and therefore no impact on the utility's profits.

"Questar Gas customers have benefitted from four rate decreases over the last 18 months," said Ron Jibson, president and CEO of Questar Gas. "These decreases have cut rates by 32 percent since the summer of 2008. Now, however, price forecasts show Questar Gas's rates need to be increased 4.85 percent to cover future supply costs.

"Our rates are consistently among the lowest in the U.S. and should remain so even after this increase," Jibson said. Forecasts are for stable supplies and prices in the near term. However, Jibson cautioned customers that natural gas prices can fluctuate with changes in supply and demand.

"As a percentage of household budgets, the annual natural gas bill for a typical customer in 2010 is still about what it was 15 years ago," said Jibson. "And even with this increase, the cost to heat a typical southwestern Wyoming home will be less than what it was in 2006. But we realize these facts are small comfort to customers facing increases."

"In the meantime, we encourage customers to take steps to save money and energy by reviewing the energy-saving tips and our ThermWise conservation programs on our website, ThermWise.com."

Another way to cope with higher bills is enrolling in Questar Gas's Budget Plan, designed to help spread the annual cost of natural gas service evenly throughout the year. Customers can find more information in their June bills.

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