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Questar Gas asks for general rate increase

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 2.2 percent, or \$1.40 per month. Questar Gas has asked that the new rates become effective in late 2012.

“This request is driven by necessary upgrades and replacement of some critical infrastructure,” said Craig Wagstaff, Questar Gas’s senior vice president. “Our primary commitment to our customers is to safely deliver the natural gas they depend on. The projects we’ve undertaken in recent years were needed to maintain the level of safety and reliability our customers expect and deserve.”

The previous “general” rate increase was requested in 2008. That 1.7 percent increase, approved in 2009, also covered the costs of system maintenance and expansion while introducing the well-received ThermWise energy-conservation programs.

General rate cases differ from “pass-on” rate cases, which the utility files more frequently to adjust its rates for the changing costs of gas supplies. Gas costs are passed on to customers without markup.

“Our natural gas rates in Wyoming are consistently among the lowest in the nation,” said Wagstaff. “We continue to hold the line on rates by aggressively controlling costs without sacrificing service or reliability.”

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Questar Gas, the utility subsidiary of Questar Corporation (NYSE: STR), provides retail natural gas-distribution service to more than 920,000 customers in Utah, southwestern Wyoming and a small portion of southeastern Idaho.