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**Questar Gas granted first general rate increase since 1999**  
*PSC approves energy-efficiency programs*

SALT LAKE CITY – The Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved an increase in Questar Gas’s general rates. The increase would raise the monthly bill for Questar Gas’s typical residential customer by about 1.7 percent, or \$1 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 several years,” said Ron Jibson, 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 also proposed to offer our Wyoming customers the same ThermWise® energy-conservation programs that have been so well received in our Utah service territory,” said Jibson. “We’ve asked 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.”

In addition to the energy-saving tips Questar Gas has always provided, the utility will more aggressively encourage customers to conserve energy. New PSC-approved programs will include home-energy audits and rebates for buying qualified energy-efficient equipment or some home improvements.

In the past, these types of programs cut the company’s revenue and ability to recover the costs of providing service to customers. This is because under the old rate structure the amount Questar Gas collected to cover fixed costs was tied to the amount of gas delivered to customers. To remove this disincentive to conservation, the PSC has approved a new “Conservation-Enabling Tariff” as a three-year pilot program.

“When it comes to energy conservation, we’re pleased to be in alignment with our customers. Across the country, energy-policy groups are pushing for innovative rate structures,” said Jibson. “The American Gas Association, the 2005 Energy Policy Act and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners all encourage solutions such as we’ve proposed. With the economic and energy concerns we have in the U.S., there is no better time than now to promote the efficient use of energy.”

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Questar Gas, the utility subsidiary of Questar Corporation (NYSE: STR), provides retail natural gas-distribution service to more than 890,000 customers in Utah, southwestern Wyoming and a small portion of southeastern Idaho.