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Questar Gas asks Utah PSC to cut natural gas rates by \$6.7 million

SALT LAKE CITY — The cost of heating a home in Utah continues to fall. Questar Gas today asked the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) to reduce natural gas rates by \$6.7 million. If approved, the rate cut will lower the typical homeowner's annual bill by about \$3.50, or .52 percent, beginning Oct. 1. This latest cut follows reductions of \$63 million and \$157 million in Nov. 2008 and March 2009 respectively, and a \$50 million rebate in May 2009.

“Our customers are now paying about 20 percent less to heat their homes than a year ago. This is good news going into the winter,” said Ron Jibson, president and CEO of Questar Gas. “The cost of buying natural gas for our customers has declined significantly in recent months, and is projected to stay low for the next 12 months, so we’re passing the savings on to our customers.”

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. Also examined during these reviews are costs related to conservation programs.

“Our rates are consistently among the lowest in the U.S. These latest rate cuts – combined with continued investment in our popular ‘ThermWise’ conservation programs – should help keep our rates among the lowest in the long run,” Jibson said. However, he cautioned customers that natural gas prices can fluctuate with changes in supply and demand.

Jibson also reminded Questar Gas customers that funds may be available to help income-eligible customers pay their gas bills. Applications for federal funds may be obtained by calling the Home Energy Assistance Target Program (HEAT). He also reminded customers of the Residential Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH) program, which is funded by voluntary donations from Questar Gas customers, employees and shareholders. REACH applicants must first apply for HEAT. The program runs year-round or until funds are exhausted. For information about these programs, energy-saving tips, information about rebates or to enroll in Questar Gas's Budget Plan, please visit Questargas.com or ThermWise.com.

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