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RE: Docket No. 06-057-T04

Dear Commissioners:

We would like to take this opportunity to support the proposal to remove GSS and EAC rates from Questar Gas Company's tariff. Natural gas service has been a great benefit to those of us living outside the Wasatch Front. We appreciate the accommodations made several years ago to bring natural gas to Delta City. However, some of the arrangements made to bring that service to rural Utah have resulted in some areas receiving economic-development advantages over other areas.

GSS and EAC rates were tools used to allow rapid expansion of an important service, but these arrangements favored faster growing communities. Those communities have been able to join into Utah's economic mainstream faster than others. Higher rates in Delta City keep us from even competing with those other communities. For the benefit of the entire state, it is time to level the playing field by removing these extra charges from our rates.

Economic development in rural Utah would benefit the entire state. It would take pressure off the Wasatch Front and Washington County and provide additional options to businesses and industries considering relocating to Utah. It would also provide jobs and income from areas other than agriculture and service industries. More competitive natural gas prices could provide the jumpstart we need in rural Utah.

The minimal cost of this jumpstart was the rationale used by the legislature to assist some communities receive gas service in the first place. Because of 1998's HB180, all Questar Gas customers pay a few cents extra every month to cover the costs of taking gas service to places such as Panguitch, Cedar Fort and Delta. This is a good example of the type of cooperation and

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compromise we are now requesting. We urge the PSC to approve the proposal of Questar Gas Company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gayle Bunker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gayle Bunker
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