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PSC Denies Intervention Request in Questar Gas Company Cases

The Utah Public Service Commission today issued its order denying the intervention request of two residential Questar Gas Company customers, Roger Ball and Claire Geddes, ("Petitioners") in the cases involving costs associated with managing gas composition.

Julie Orchard, Commission spokesperson stated, "Timely intervention is invited in all proceedings, but due process requires petitioners to abide by statutory requirements." Mr. Ball and Ms. Geddes requested intervention after a year of public technical conferences, settlement negotiations, and after public hearings were completed. "While the Commission has denied Mr. Ball's and Ms. Geddes's intervention, the Commission carefully considered their written comments, which were filed earlier as public witness statements," Ms. Orchard stated.

In denying the Petitioners' late-filed request for intervention, the Commission determined that all public notice requirements under the law had been met or exceeded. Specifically, the Petitioners identified no specific failure or violation of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code 52-4-1 et seq., the Utah Administrative Procedures Act, Utah Code 63-46b-0.5 et seq., and the Commission's rule governing its proceedings.

The Commission concluded that impacts on all residential customers' interests were represented by the Division of Public Utilities and the Committee of Consumer Services. Customers will bear no cost for gas composition management prior to February 2005 amounting to millions in customer savings.

The public in general has made an important contribution in Commission proceedings, and it is expected that individuals who wish to formally intervene will do so early in the process.

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