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The Beaver Valley Hospital urges the Public Service Commission to follow the recommendation of the task force and remove the GSS and EAC rates from Questar Gas Company's tariff. Our hospital provides much needed health care services to this rural area as well as travelers along this stretch of I-15 that happen to meet with misfortune on the highway. Our ability to provide services to the public would improve greatly with additional investment in our community. High utility rates and more specifically those created by the existence of the GSS rate to our tariff, has recently kept investment from entering our community.

We are an important, albeit very small hospital in this part of the state and as such struggle to meet the ever-increasing healthcare needs of our citizens. The elimination of the GSS rates would help us in two ways; 1) it would lower the operation and maintenance costs of our hospital, and 2) it would enhance the County's ability to attract additional economic base to our taxing district. New industry would pump life-giving investment into our county providing the tax base necessary to allow us to make necessary upgrades to our healthcare system.

As a hospital, we plead with you to accept the recommendations of the task force and eliminate the GSS and EAC rates from our gas tariff. It is our understanding that this action would significantly lower our rates while raising the rates of the entire Questar rate base by less than 20 cents per month. In our view this is a small price to pay for allowing our rural community to achieve some of the same prosperity seen recently along the Wasatch Front.

Sincerely,

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