



# Salt Lake Home Builders Association

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P.O. Box 45585  
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Re: Questar's docket #11-057-T02

Members Utah Public Service Commission,

I have the pleasure of representing the members of the Salt Lake Home Builders Association which represents the large majority of residential construction in Salt Lake and Tooele Counties. We are unequivocally in support of Questar's request in a rate variance as stipulated in Docket # 11-057-T02.

As we all would agree, new residential construction is a positive economic stimulus to any town, city or county. Roof tops determine new valued construction jobs, commercial activity, schools and simple "vitality" of neighborhoods. We are now suffering through one of the worst housing "downturns" since the end of World War II. The causes of that are varied and complex; but needless to say, my members are now struggling to minimize all their costs and fees; from indirect to direct, to reach affordability for their prospective clients.

What may seem a minor increase in a direct cost will result in a percentage of buyer's not affording their first home. The adjustment that Questar is requesting, given the ancillary benefits of growth, is fair and equitable. We would request, therefore, that their request be granted.

Sincerely,

Curtis W. Dowdle, MIRM, CMP, CAASH, CGP  
Executive Vice President and Executive Officer

Cc: Executive Committee  
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