

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY FOR)
APPROVAL OF 2012 ENERGY EFFICIENCY)
PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM COST TARIFF)
RIDER PURSUANT TO THE NEW MEXICO)
PUBLIC UTILITY AND EFFICIENT USE OF)
ENERGY ACTS,)
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NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY,)
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Applicant.)
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Case No. 11-00369-UT

BENCH REQUEST ORDER

The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Commission) directs New Mexico Gas Company (NMGC) to respond to this Bench Request by no later than 1:00 P.M., April 25, 2012. At the top of your response, please include the above name of this case and case number. Please mail or hand deliver your response to:

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
Records Division
1120 Paseo De Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Please also serve by email a copy of your response to this Bench Request Order to Rick Blumenfeld at Richard.Blumenfeld@state.nm.us or hand deliver it to him at Room 518 at the above address. Please email (if an email address is known) or mail (if an email address is not known) a copy of your response to all parties listed on the attached certificate of service. Pursuant to Rule 1.2.2.30 (B) NMAC, this Bench Request is issued by a single Commissioner.

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The Response to this Bench Request Order may be in the form of an affidavit. Where applicable, please cite to specific documents filed in this docket.

Requested Information:

1. Please provide a recalculation of Rider No. 15 after removing the Residential ENERGY STAR Water Heater program, the Residential High Efficiency Furnace program, and the administrative costs of these two programs. Please provide specific information as to how the recalculation was performed.
2. Please provide recalculations of the Total Resource Cost (TRC) ratio for each of NMGC's energy efficiency programs and NMGC's overall portfolio using the current natural gas pricing forward curve for prices through 2016, and U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) forecasts thereafter. Please provide specific information as to how the recalculations were performed.
3. Regarding free-ridership in the Residential ENERGY STAR Water Heater program and the Residential High Efficiency Furnace program, please reconcile and explain (a) how the responses to the customer questionnaires presented on pages 5-4 through 5-8 of ADM's June, 2011, final report are translated into the net-to-gross ratios in Table 1-3 of that report; and (b) how those estimates reconcile to the figures cited for ADM's estimate of free-ridership for the two programs found on page 52 of the Recommended Decision.
4. Please explain in detail the duties of Mr. Steve L. Casey, Dru Jones, and the person in the "third administrative position added this year," (RD p.14) in the administration of NMGC's energy efficiency programs and these persons' duties, describing the percentage of

annual work hours in each position for each major function in administering the company's energy efficiency programs. Please explain whether these staff do (or could) provide any activities outside of the administration of the efficiency programs.

5. Please provide a detailed breakdown and explanation of the 2012 projected budgets for internal administration and external administration listed on page 38 of Mr. Casey's Direct Testimony.

6. Please provide a detailed breakdown and explanation of the 2011 expenditures for internal administration and external administration of NMGC's energy efficiency programs.

7. Please provide the costs of each energy efficiency program in 2011 and the projected costs of these programs for 2012. For each program, provide the internal administration, external administration, incentives, promotion, and M & V costs. Please provide the number of participants in each program in 2011 and the projected number for 2012. Where applicable, please provide the individual rebate for each program in both 2011 and 2012. Please list this information in a chart.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 19th day of April, 2012.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Electronically approved

JASON MARKS, COMMISSIONER

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Bench Request Order** issued April 19, 2012, was sent on April 20, 2012, by electronic mail and by first-class postage pre-paid mail to the parties listed below.

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Dated this 20th day of April, 2012.

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