

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF QUESTAR GAS COMPANY DBA)
ENBRIDGE GAS WYOMING FOR)
APPROVAL OF THE PICEANCE)
DEVELOPMENT AS A WEXPRO II)
PROPERTY)

Docket No. 30010-232-GA-25
(Record No. 17748)

ORDER

(Issued April 29, 2025)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the Application of Questar Gas Company d/b/a Enbridge Gas Wyoming (Enbridge or the Company) for approval of the inclusion of recently acquired properties located within the Piceance Development (Piceance Development or Development) as Wexpro II properties pursuant to the Wexpro II Agreement. The Commission, having reviewed the Application, its files concerning Enbridge, applicable Wyoming utility law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, FINDS and CONCLUDES:

1. Enbridge is a division of Enbridge, Inc., a Canadian corporation, engaged in the business of supplying energy services in several states, including natural gas distribution service in Wyoming. Enbridge is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D) and 37-2-112.

2. On January 24, 2025, Enbridge submitted the Confidential Application as well as a Redacted Application (Application) to the Wyoming Public Service Commission for an order approving inclusion of recently acquired properties within the Piceance Development as a Wexpro II property pursuant to the Wexpro II Agreement¹. The Application was supported by Enbridge Gas Exhibits A through P, the pre-filed Direct Testimony of Kelly B. Mendenhall (Enbridge Gas Confidential Exhibit 2.0) and the pre-filed Direct Testimony of Brady Rasmussen (Enbridge Gas Confidential Exhibit 3.0).

3. The Piceance Development is outside the existing Wexpro I Development Drilling Area. Simultaneously, Enbridge applied for an order approving the Piceance Development from the Utah Public Service Commission (Utah Commission). Though none of the Piceance Development is in the Wexpro I Development Drilling Area, Enbridge voluntarily offers the entire Piceance Development for approval to be included as a Wexpro II property.

4. On December 23, 2024, Wexpro Development Company, at its own risk, entered into a Joint Development Agreement with the owner of a working interest located in Colorado (Joint Agreement or Agreement). A copy of the Agreement is attached to Enbridge's Application. The Wexpro II Agreement governs the requirements for Wexpro and Enbridge Gas when Wexpro

¹ Pursuant to the Wexpro II Agreement, Enbridge must seek approval from the Wyoming and Utah Commissions before including any property acquired within the Wexpro I drilling area if it wants to include that property in the cost-of-service supplies. *Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order Approving the Wexpro II Agreement* at ¶ 18 (Oct. 16, 2013) (Docket No. 30010-123-GA-12). For properties acquired outside the Wexpro I drilling area, Enbridge *may* apply for approval to include them as Wexpro II property.

acquires a property, such as the Piceance Development, located outside the Development Drilling Area as defined in the Wexpro II Agreement.

5. Section IV-2 of the Wexpro II Agreement provides when Enbridge Gas files an application with the Utah and Wyoming Commissions requesting approval to include proposed properties under the Wexpro II Agreement, it must include certain information. Enbridge's Application contains the required Wexpro II Agreement information in the Enbridge Gas Exhibits A through P.

6. On February 4, 2025, the Office of Consumer Advocate filed a Notice of Intervention and request for hearing.

7. Also on February 4, 2025, the Commission issued a Notice of Application describing the Application and setting a deadline of March 4, 2025, for the filing of statements, intervention petitions, protests, and requests for hearing.

8. On March 19, the OCA filed the Confidential Direct Testimony of Ned W. Nauroth recommending that based upon review of the Application and the recommendation of the Independent Hydrocarbon Monitor and its "strong alignment with the objectives of the Wexpro II Agreement and the safeguards in place to protect customers" the Piceance Development be included as a Wexpro II property.

9. The Commission considered Enbridge's Application at its Open Meeting on March 27, 2025. Brady Rasmussen, Vice President and General Manager of Wexpro; Kelly Mendenhall, Director of Regulatory and Pricing for Enbridge Gas Wyoming and Jenniffer Clark, Senior Assistant General Counsel appeared for the Applicant. Shelby Hamilton appeared for the OCA. Representatives for Enbridge presented the Application and generally described the information set forth in paragraphs 1 through 5, above. The OCA recommended approval of the Application. Commission Staff noted an approval by the Commission had to be effective March 25, 2025, to satisfy the requirements of the Wexpro II agreement.

10. The Commission finds and concludes that the Application conforms to the requirements of the Wexpro II Agreement, its prior Orders relating to the Agreement, as well as applicable rules and statutes. The Commission also finds and concludes that approval of the Application is in the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on March 27, 2025, the Application of Questar Gas Company d/b/a Enbridge Gas Wyoming for approval of the Piceance Development as a Wexpro II property is approved, effective March 25, 2025.

2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on April 29, 2025.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING



(SEAL)
Attest:


MICHAEL M. ROBINSON, Chairman


CHRISTOPHER B. PETRIE, Deputy Chairman


MARY A. THRONE, Commissioner


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 29th day of April, 2025, a copy of the Commission's *Order* was sent via electronic mail or hand delivery to the following:

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