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*Re: Replacement Infrastructure 2017 Annual Plan and Budget Update – Docket No. 16-057-17* 

Dear Commissioners:

Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy or the Company) respectfully submits this preliminary notification of anticipated changes to the 2017 Annual Plan and Budget (2017 Plan) submitted on November 15, 2016. The changes will be required due to a Weber County road project that necessitates a relocation of segments of Feeder Line 51 by year end. Feeder Line 51 was originally scheduled to be constructed in 2035.

On November 18, 2016, subsequent to the Company's filing of the 2017 Plan, Weber County officials notified the Company that a road project may require replacement of segments of Feeder Line 51 in 2017, although a timeline and scope of work had not yet been determined. In its April 2017 Technical Conference the Company discussed possible spending on Feeder Line 51 in 2017 while noting that the schedule, budget, and footage were still unknown. On June 29, 2017 the Company received confirmation from Weber County officials that a significant portion of high pressure pipe on Feeder Line 51 would need to be relocated due to a road project beginning in the second half of 2017. Dominion Energy is now reviewing Weber County's road design and preparing pipeline designs, cost, and time estimates for the FL51 relocation.

As outlined in the 2017 Plan, the Company has an allowed budget of \$64.17 million in 2017 and has committed to invest \$64.15 million to replace segments of Feeder Line 21, Feeder Line 26, and segments of intermediate high pressure belt lines in Salt Lake, Davis, and Utah counties. This leaves very little flexibility to undertake additional replacement projects that fall under the purview of the infrastructure replacement tracker, such as the replacement of Feeder Line 51.

The Partial Settlement Stipulation (Stipulation) approved in Docket No. 13-057-05 provides that "[t]he Company may request Commission approval to exceed the budget cap if there are exigent circumstances requiring immediate capital expenditures." (Settlement at Paragraph 22.a.)

The Company believes that Weber County's request to relocate Feeder Line 51 to accommodate its road project constitutes an "exigent circumstance" referred to in the Stipulation. When the Company determines the final scope and timeline for work required on Feeder Line 51 it will prepare and submit an update to the 2017 budget, including a formal request to increase the budget for 2017 to accommodate the Feeder Line 51 project while maintaining the current schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Barrie L. McKay Director Customer Rates and Regulation

cc: Division of Public Utilities Office of Consumer Services