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In Re: DEU - Application to Change the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment

**HEARING, DOCKET NO. 18-057-21**

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OFFICER REIF: Good morning, everyone. I'm Melanie Reif, presiding officer for this hearing. This is Docket No. 18-057-21, and the title of this docket is Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Change the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment. This is the date and time for this hearing. Can we please start with appearances.

MS. CLARK: Jenniffer Clark on behalf of Dominion Energy Utah, and I have with me Jordan Stevenson. He will serve as the Company's witness today.

MR. JETTER: Good morning. I'm Justin Jetter with the Utah Attorney General's Office, and I'm here today representing the Utah Division of Public Utilities. At counsel table is Division technical consultant Eric Orton.

OFFICER REIF: Thank you. Welcome, everyone. Ms. Clark, would you like to proceed?

MS. CLARK: The Company calls Mr. Stevenson.

JORDAN STEVENSON,  
having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, was  
examined and testified as follows:

BY MS. CLARK:

1           Q     **Could you please state your name and**  
2     **business address for the record, please?**

3           A     Jordan Stevenson, 333 South State.

4           Q     **And can you describe your responsibilities**  
5     **with the Company?**

6           A     I'm a regulatory affairs analyst for  
7     Dominion Energy Utah.

8           Q     **And, Mr. Stevenson, was the application**  
9     **and accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5 in this**  
10    **docket, were those prepared by you or under your**  
11    **direction?**

12          A     Yes.

13          Q     **And do you adopt the contents of those**  
14    **documents as your testimony today?**

15          A     Yes.

16                    MS. CLARK: The Company would move  
17    for the admission of the application and  
18    accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5.

19                    MR. JETTER: No objection.

20    BY MS. CLARK:

21          Q     **Thank you. Mr. Stevenson, do you have a**  
22    **summary you'd like to present today?**

23          A     I do. In this docket, the Company seeks  
24    to adjust the infrastructure tracker replacement  
25    rate to include investment related to replacement

1 projects that were in service as of October 31st,  
2 2018. The majority of this additional investment  
3 occurred in the feeder line 21 replacement projects  
4 in Davis County. The Company is requesting a  
5 \$7 million increase in annual revenue related to  
6 this investment, resulting in a total annual revenue  
7 requirement of \$32.6 million. If approved, this  
8 would result in an increase of \$5.21 per year, or  
9 .87 percent, paid by a typical customer using 80  
10 decatherms per year. This concludes my summary.

11 MS. CLARK: The Company's witness is  
12 available for Commission questions and  
13 cross-examination.

14 MR. JETTER: No questions from the  
15 Division.

16 OFFICER REIF: Thank you.  
17 Mr. Stevenson, I have a question which your counsel  
18 may wish to clarify, and that's fine. Just for  
19 clarification on what would be page 4 of the  
20 application at the very bottom of the page, the  
21 second "wherefore" clause requests the effective  
22 date to be December 1, 2018. For Commission  
23 clarification, could you please let us know whether  
24 you're asking for final or interim rates. And if  
25 you need to defer to counsel, that's okay.

1 THE WITNESS: These would be interim  
2 rates.

3 OFFICER REIF: Interim until the  
4 Division conducts its audit?

5 MS. CLARK: Correct.

6 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Thank you both  
7 for clarifying. No further questions.

8 MS. CLARK: Nothing further from the  
9 Company.

10 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Thank you. Mr.  
11 Jetter.

12 MR. JETTER: The Division would like  
13 to call and have sworn in Mr. Eric Orton.

14 BY MR. JETTER:

15 Q Mr. Orton, would you please state your  
16 name and occupation for the record?

17 A My name is Eric Orton, I'm a technical  
18 consultant for the Division of Public Utilities.

19 Q Thank you. And in the course of your  
20 employment with the Division of Public Utilities,  
21 did you create and cause to be filed with the  
22 Commission a document that is labeled on the  
23 document, Action Request Response, dated  
24 November 13, 2018?

25 A I did.



1           **Q     Do you have any corrections or changes you**  
2 **would like to make to that document?**

3           A     No. I believe it's accurate.

4           **Q     Thank you. And I'm just going to ask you**  
5 **one more question to set a little more foundation**  
6 **for this document. Did you create this document**  
7 **after reviewing the application filed by the Company**  
8 **in this docket?**

9           A     That's correct.

10                   MR. JETTER: I'd like to move at this  
11 time to enter the action request response from the  
12 Division into the record for the hearing.

13                   MS. CLARK: No objection.

14                   OFFICER REIF: Thank you. It's  
15 admitted.

16 BY MR. JETTER:

17           **Q     Thank you. Have you prepared a brief**  
18 **statement summarizing the Division's opinion on**  
19 **this?**

20           A     Yes, I have.

21           **Q     Please go ahead.**

22           A     In this filing, the gas utility includes  
23 two more months of infrastructure investment placed  
24 into service. Its exhibits show that this  
25 additional investment sums to \$7.005 million. It

1 now proposes to collect the revenue requirement  
2 associated with this additional investment in  
3 routing rates.

4 In addition to the \$25.620 million that it  
5 is already allowed in rates on an interim basis,  
6 this increase would provide a total revenue  
7 requirement of \$32.625 million. Based on the  
8 Division's review, the application is compliant,  
9 just, reasonable, in the public interest, and  
10 therefore we recommend that the application be  
11 approved on an interim basis until the Division can  
12 complete an audit at which time, we'll make a final  
13 recommendation to the Commission.

14 That's all I have. Thank you.

15 MR. JETTER: Thank you. I have no  
16 further questions for Mr. Orton. He's available for  
17 cross or questions from the Commission.

18 OFFICER REIF: Ms. Clark?

19 MS. CLARK: The Company has no  
20 questions. Thanks.

21 OFFICER REIF: Thank you for your  
22 testimony, Mr. Orton. Ms. Clark, if you would allow  
23 me to ask Mr. Stevenson an additional question. He  
24 may have covered this in his testimony, I just want  
25 to make sure that we have it on the record and if

1 I'm duplicating, I apologize, but I want to be sure.

2 Mr. Stevenson, is it your testimony  
3 that this application is just and reasonable and in  
4 the public interest?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.

6 OFFICER REIF: Thank you very much.

7 I have no further questions. Is there anything  
8 further to come before the Commission?

9 MS. CLARK: No, thank you.

10 MR. JETTER: No, thank you.

11 OFFICER REIF: We're adjourned. Have  
12 a great day.

13 (The deposition concluded at  
14 10:05 a.m.)

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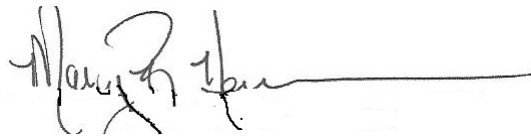
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I have subscribed my name on this 29th day of November, 2018.



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