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I. INTRODUCTION

2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Abigail Thomas. My business address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City,
4 Utah.

5 **Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?**

6 A. I am employed by Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (“Dominion Energy” or
7 “Company”) as an Engineer 3 – Commercial Support. My qualifications are included in DEU
8 Exhibit 1.1.

9 **Q. Please describe your experience relevant to this docket?**

10 A. I have worked for Dominion Energy for 12 years. During that time I have worked as an
11 engineer in the System Operations and Analysis group for Dominion Energy Questar Pipeline
12 and the Commercial Support department for Dominion Energy. As part of the commercial
13 support group, I am involved in the day-to-day operations supporting transportation
14 customers from the contracting process through gas flow and end use measurement.

15 **Q. Have you testified before the Utah Public Service Commission (“Commission”) before?**

16 A. No. However, I have presented to the Commission in a number of Integrated Resource Plan
17 (IRP) workshops and technical conferences.

18 **Q. Attached to your written testimony are DEU Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5. Were these
19 prepared by you or under your direction?**

20 A. Yes.

21 **Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony in this Docket?**

22 A. The purpose of my direct testimony is to explain the Company's proposed changes to
23 Sections 3, 4, 5, 10 and the glossary of the Dominion Energy Utah Natural Gas Tariff No.
24 500 ("Tariff").

25 **Q. What prompted Dominion Energy to consider revising its Tariff?**

26 A. In its Report and Order in Docket No. 17-057-12, the Utah Public Service Commission
27 ("Commission") ordered Dominion Energy to "include a discussion of its interruptible
28 customer rate structures and tariff provisions" in future IRP proceedings. In preparing to do
29 so for the 2018-2019 IRP, it became clear that there was some confusion surrounding the
30 interruptible provisions for all transportation customers. Some customers have also
31 expressed confusion when the Company has called interruptions and/or curtailments. The
32 Company is advancing the Tariff changes in this docket in order to clarify and expressly state
33 its processes for interruptions and what has historically been called "curtailments," and to
34 clarify current business practices. In addition to offering such clarification, the Company
35 also made some non-substantive changes.

36 **Q. Please describe the changes to the Tariff that the Company is proposing in this docket?**

37 A. I have summarized the proposed changes in DEU Exhibit 1.2. Many of the changes were
38 made to clarify the Tariff and to clearly state the Company's current practices. Some of
39 those changes involved the movement or deletion of sections. There are some non-
40 substantive changes including rewording, punctuation and formatting. I will discuss the
41 substantive changes in more detail below. For example, the subsection numbers in section 5
42 have changed. Throughout this testimony I am using the section numbers in the proposed
43 language provided in DEU exhibit 1.3.

44 **II. HOLD BURN TO SCHEDULED QUANTITY RESTRICTIONS AND**
45 **INTERRUPTIONS**

46 **Q. What is a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction and why has the Company**
47 **proposed to include Tariff provisions related to it?**

48 A. A Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction, which will be issued through an operational
49 flow order (OFO), is a process much like the process the Company historically used to call a
50 “supply curtailment”. The Company suggests using the new terminology “Hold Burn to
51 Scheduled Quantity” because it clearly states what action customers are expected to take.
52 Recent events have prompted the Company to propose the Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity
53 language shown in DEU Exhibit 1.3. DEU exhibit 1.4 contains the legislative format of the
54 proposed language.

55 **Q. Please describe those historical events.**

56 A. Over the last few years, the Company experienced cold weather events that resulted in
57 interruption of service to interruptible transportation customers. These events have also
58 impacted firm transportation customers. Specifically, the Company has required firm
59 transportation customers to limit their usage to the amount of gas delivered to Dominion
60 Energy’s system on their behalf. Those who did not do so were subject to interruption
61 penalties. There was some confusion about such restrictions. In an effort to provide more
62 clarity to all customers, the Company proposes to distinguish between interruptible volumes
63 and firm volumes, and the circumstances and processes associated with interruptions and
64 supply curtailments. We will now refer to supply curtailments as Hold Burn to Scheduled
65 Quantity restrictions.

66 **Q. How does a “Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity” restriction differ from an**
67 **interruption?**

68 A. A Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction is a restriction put on a transportation
69 customer that prohibits it from using more gas than it has scheduled to be received into the

70 Dominion Energy system. TS Customers will be penalized for any gas used above their
71 scheduled quantity for the gas day. Where an interruption may be called due to capacity
72 constraints on the Dominion Energy system, a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction
73 will be called when there are concerns that the scheduled quantities will not meet the
74 customer demand.

75 **Q. How is a customer's scheduled quantity determined?**

76 A. Customers are required to make nominations each gas day for the amount of gas they would
77 like to transport on the Company's system to be delivered to their end-use point. There must
78 also be a matching nomination on an upstream system that interconnects to the Company's
79 system. Once the nomination deadline has passed, the upstream and downstream parties go
80 through a confirmation process. During this process nominations may be reduced for a
81 number of reasons such as supply interruptions or capacity limitations. Once the
82 confirmation process is complete the confirmed nomination is considered a scheduled
83 quantity. The scheduled quantity is expected to physically flow onto Dominion Energy's
84 system, and to the customer. When the Company calls a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity
85 restriction, the Customers are required to limit their natural gas usage to the scheduled
86 quantity.

87 **Q. How will the Company communicate with customers about interruptions and Hold**
88 **Burn to Scheduled Quantity restrictions?**

89 A. In the event of an interruption or Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction, the Company
90 will notify all nominating parties and all customers electronically or via phone using contact
91 information provided. Each year, customers are required to review and update customer
92 contact information including telephone contact information, email contact information, and
93 texting contact information. When the Company calls a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity
94 restriction it will send a notification that will explain to customers that supplies are limited,
95 that they can only burn gas scheduled for them that day, and that they should call their
96 marketing agent with questions.

97 **Q. What circumstances that would cause an upstream supply limitation that might result**
98 **in a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction?**

99 A. There are many reasons upstream supply may be limited. For example, during cold weather
100 events, well-heads can freeze and temporarily stop producing gas that was intended for
101 Dominion Energy's system. Upstream processing plants can suffer shut-downs for a variety
102 of reasons including cold weather, maintenance, or equipment failure. When events like this
103 occur, it is important that transportation customers use only the gas they have actually
104 delivered to the Dominion Energy system, and that they are not utilizing the limited supplies
105 that the Company has purchased and delivered for firm sales service customers.

106 **Q. To contrast, what kind of operational concerns would cause the Company to call an**
107 **interruption?**

108 A. Interruptions are called when system capacity is limited. The Company designs its system to
109 have capacity sufficient to serve firm sales and transportation customers. On very cold days,
110 when the Company is utilizing most or all of the system capacity to serve firm customers, it
111 will call an interruption and direct interruptible customers to stop burning. Calling an
112 interruption will relieve capacity constraints on the Company's system. Hold Burn to
113 Scheduled Quantity restriction are not related to these types of system constraints.

114 **Q. How will the Company notify interruptible customers of an interruption?**

115 A. Using the same contact information and methods it uses to issue Hold Burn to Scheduled
116 Quantity restrictions.

117 **Q. How is the Company proposing to penalize customers who do not comply with Hold**
118 **Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction?**

119 A. Historically, the Company has treated failure to limit usage to a scheduled quantity as a
120 failure to interrupt, and subjected customers who burn above the delivered volumes to the
121 penalties outlined in Section 3.02 of the Tariff. The Company reasoned that, under the Tariff

122 provisions applicable to TS customers, any usage above the volumes delivered on their
123 behalf is “interruptible,” and when customers burn above the scheduled quantity during a
124 restriction they are subject to interruption penalties. The updated Tariff language makes
125 clear that when a Customer fails to comply with a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity
126 restriction, the Company will impose a \$25/Dth penalty plus index based gas cost to incent
127 customers to comply with the Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity OFO. This is the current
128 applicable penalty that can be assessed to customers who ignore balancing restrictions as
129 outlined in section 5.09 of the current Tariff. This penalty is meant to reimburse sales
130 customers whose gas is being used on days when supply availability is limited.

131 **Q. Have you discussed this methodology with the Nominating Parties?**

132 A. Yes. On February 21, 2018, the Company held a technical conference in Docket No. 18-057-
133 01, where I provided examples of both interruptions and Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity
134 restrictions, and how penalties would be applied under each. Based on feedback received
135 during the technical conference the Company made changes to the methodology and the
136 examples given. The Company then held a meeting with the nominating parties (including
137 TS Customers’ agents and the Utah Division of Public Utilities (“Division”)) and discussed
138 the updated methodology. I have attached a copy of the updated presentation that was given
139 at the follow-up meeting as DEU Exhibit 1.5.

140 **Q. Can you provide examples showing how the Company would implement this new**
141 **methodology?**

142 A. Yes, beginning on page 13 of DEU Exhibit 1.5, I provide examples. On page 13, you can see
143 that the hypothetical customer is an interruptible customer with a daily contract limit of 75
144 Dth. That customer nominated 75 Dth, and that volume was confirmed to be delivered
145 (meaning its scheduled quantity was also 75 Dth). On this hypothetical day, the Company
146 experienced some system capacity concern resulting in an interruption. That customer must
147 interrupt all of its interruptible volumes and its failure to do so would result in the penalty
148 described on the right-hand side of the page.

149 To contrast, on page 14, we have a hypothetical interruptible transportation customer with a
150 daily contract limit of 75 Dth, and a scheduled quantity of 75 Dth. On this hypothetical day,
151 the supplies upstream of the Company's system have been limited, and therefore the
152 Company needs to limit customers to their scheduled quantities—meaning that the customers
153 cannot burn more gas than will be delivered to the Dominion Energy system on their behalf.
154 On that day, the Company would call a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction,
155 requiring customers to limit their usage to the scheduled quantity. In this hypothetical, the
156 customer matched its usage to the scheduled quantity and did not incur any penalties.

157 **Q. Are firm transportation customers subject to interruption and Hold Burn to Scheduled**
158 **Quantity restrictions as well?**

159 A. Not necessarily. All transportation customers could subject to a Hold Burn to Scheduled
160 Quantity restriction. But the Company will not interrupt firm volumes that have been
161 delivered to its system. I provided illustrative examples in DEU Exhibit 1.5.

162 On page 15 of DEU Exhibit 1.5, we have a hypothetical firm transportation customer with a
163 firm daily contract limit of 50 Dth, and a total scheduled quantity of 50 Dth. On this
164 hypothetical day, the Company experiences an upstream supply disruption and directs the
165 customer to limit its usage to its scheduled quantity. The Customer burns only its confirmed
166 nomination, and does not suffer any penalties.

167 On Page 16, we have a hypothetical where the same firm transportation customer, with the
168 same firm daily contract limit of 50 Dth, nominates all 50 Dth but only 40 Dth are confirmed.
169 Perhaps this customer suffered an upstream disruption as well, or some other event resulted
170 in only 40 Dth being delivered to Dominion Energy's system. In this hypothetical, the
171 customer burns 50 Dth which is within its daily contract limit, but is 10 Dth above the
172 volume that was actually delivered to the Company's system on the customer's behalf. That
173 customer would be penalized \$25/Dth plus an index based gas cost for burning volumes
174 greater than its scheduled quantity.

175 **Q. What if a firm transportation customer burns *more than* its firm contract limit when a**
176 **Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction is in place?**

177 A. All volumes above the firm contract limit amount are considered overrun. During a Hold
178 Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction there is no tolerance for overrun and it is penalized.
179 On Page 17 of DEU Exhibit 1.5, I gave such an example. In this hypothetical, the customer
180 has a firm daily contract limit of 50 Dth, and has had all 50 Dth delivered to the Company's
181 system that day. The Company experienced a supply disruption and has called a Hold Burn
182 to Scheduled Quantity restriction. However, in this example, the customer burns more than
183 its firm daily contract limit. That customer is then subject to a \$25/Dth penalty associated
184 with burning above the scheduled quantity for the day *and* a \$40/Dth penalty for being in
185 overrun above their contract limit.

186 **Q. What if that same customer had additional interruptible volumes available under its**
187 **contract?**

188 A. Page 18 of DEU Exhibit 1.5 shows that example. In this case, the customer had a firm daily
189 contract limit of 50 Dth, and had a scheduled quantity of 50 Dth. The customer also had 30
190 Dth of interruptible daily contract limit, and nominated 25 Dth of that interruptible daily
191 contract limit. The Company called a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction.
192 Unfortunately, the customer's interruptible volumes did not arrive at the Company's system.
193 In this example, the customer did not limit its usage to its scheduled quantity (50 Dth). Even
194 though it had nominated the additional 25 Dth, those volumes were not delivered on the
195 customer's behalf. Therefore, the customer is subject to penalties of \$25/Dth plus index-
196 based gas cost for failure to observe the restriction, as shown on the right-hand side of page
197 18. The customer is not penalized for overrun because it has enough daily contract limit.
198 They are only penalized for burning above their scheduled quantity. This highlights that a
199 customer should contract for the amount of gas they plan to burn on a Design-Peak Day.

200 Page 19 of DEU Exhibit 1.5 shows another variation. In this hypothetical customer had
201 nominated all of its 50 Dth firm daily contract limit, and all 50 Dth was delivered

202 (scheduled). The customer also nominated 40 Dth of its available 75 Dth of interruptible
203 daily contract limit, and 25 Dth of that 40 Dth was confirmed. The Company, in this
204 example, issued a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction. The customer observed this
205 restriction and actually burned 75 Dth to match its total scheduled quantity. For purposes of
206 scheduled quantity, the Company allows for the firm and interruptible volumes to be
207 combined for each individual end-use delivery point. If the gas is scheduled to the delivery
208 point the customer is allowed to burn the gas. That customer would not be penalized at all.

209 **Q. Can the Company call an interruption and a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity**
210 **restriction simultaneously?**

211 A. Yes. Page 20 of DEU Exhibit 1.5 shows one example of what might occur. In this example,
212 the customer has a firm daily contract limit of 50 Dth, and has nominated the full amount.
213 The customer also has an additional 75 Dth of interruptible daily contract volumes, and has
214 nominated 40 Dth of that amount. On this hypothetical day, the Company has experienced
215 both supply and operational issues, and has called both an interruption of interruptible
216 volumes and a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction for firm volumes. The customer
217 in this example burned the full amount of firm scheduled quantities and a portion (25 Dth) of
218 the scheduled interruptible quantities. That customer would be penalized per section 3.02 of
219 the Tariff on all of the interruptible volumes burned because it failed to interrupt when called
220 upon to do so.

221 On page 21 of DEU Exhibit 1.5, we show a variation of the same scenario. In this example,
222 the customer had the same 50 Dth of firm daily contract limit/firm scheduled quantity. The
223 customer also had the same 75 Dth of interruptible daily contract limit, on which it had
224 nominated 40 Dth of interruptible volumes. In this example, the customer burned above its
225 total scheduled quantity, including all 40 Dth of interruptible volumes. This customer, too,
226 would be penalized for the amount burned above scheduled quantity (15 Dth) and for all
227 interruptible volumes (40 Dth) burned because it failed to interrupt when called upon to do
228 so.

229 In my last example, shown on page 22 of DEU Exhibit 1.5, the customer nominated its' full
230 firm daily contract limit (50 Dth) and 30 Dth of its additional 75 Dth interruptible daily
231 contract limit. In this example, the Company has called both an interruption and a Hold Burn
232 to Scheduled Quantity restriction. Unfortunately, this customer suffered a supply disruption,
233 and most of its volumes never arrived at the Company's city gate. The customer's scheduled
234 quantity is only 40 Dth but the customer burned 50 Dth (its firm daily contract limit).
235 Because the additional 10 Dth of usage is still within the firm daily contract limit, the
236 customer incurs a penalty for failure to comply with the Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity
237 restriction. They did not burn above their firm daily contract limit so they do not incur any
238 penalties for failure to interrupt.

239 **Q. Has the Company changed its processes to better accommodate and clarify**
240 **interruptions and Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restrictions?**

241 A. Yes. The Company has already begun to require separate nominations for firm and
242 interruptible volumes. This allows the Company to know how much each customer is
243 allowed to flow on each rate schedule each day. The Company also requires nominations to
244 be less than or equal to the daily contract limit for each rate schedule. Most customers
245 employ an agent to input nominations for them. The agents now have more tools to know
246 what a customer is allowed burn on any given day. By having separate nominations for each
247 rate schedule the nominating party can prioritize their nominations in order to make best use
248 of their supply and upstream transportation contracts. This will help the nominating parties
249 limit occurrences of having their nominations reduced during the confirmation process and
250 will improve the reliability of gas being delivered to the system. Under the new process, the
251 Company is better able to notify each customer about any restrictions in that customer's
252 ability to burn natural gas during cold weather events.

253 **Q. Has the Company shared the proposed Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity Tariff**
254 **provision with marketers and agents?**

255 A. Yes. The Company received valuable feedback from representatives of both transportation
256 customers and their agents at the February 21, 2018 Technical Conference. Afterward, and
257 in response to some of the feedback, the Company made some changes to its planned
258 approach. The Company held a meeting on March 14, 2018 with marketers, agents, and
259 Division Staff. The new provision was generally well received. Because the Hold Burn to
260 Scheduled Quantity restriction gives the Company greater flexibility in managing its system
261 it also provides more clarity to the marketers and agents about what is expected during cold
262 weather events.

263 **III. PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES RELATED TO INTERRUPTIONS AND HOLD**
264 **BURN TO SCHEDULED QUANTITY RESTRICTIONS**

265 **Q. In general what changes to Tariff language does the company propose?**

266 A. I have included a summary of proposed changes to the Tariff language in Exhibit 1.2.

267 **Q. What substantive changes does the Company propose to make to Section 3?**

268 A. The commodity portion has been removed from the failure to interrupt penalty in section
269 3.02.

270 **Q. Why has the commodity cost been removed from this section?**

271 A. During times of interruption the Transportation Service Interruptible (TSI) customers may
272 also be subject to a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction and penalties listed in
273 section 5.05. The penalty for burning more gas than scheduled for a day during a Hold Burn
274 to Scheduled Quantity restriction includes the cost of the commodity at the daily market
275 index price. Dominion Energy did not want customers being charged for the commodity
276 twice therefore it was removed from the failure to interrupt penalty.

277 **Q. What substantive changes does the Company propose to make to Section 5?**

278 A. The most significant change is adding the Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction as
279 discussed above.

280 **Q. Will the new Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity provisions impact imbalance**
281 **management?**

282 A. Yes. There are four ways imbalances are managed described in section 5.06. Three of them
283 are consistent with current practice. The Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction is a
284 new method.

285 **Q. Can you explain why a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction has been added?**

286 A. As I mentioned earlier, a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction will be used during
287 times where Dominion Energy does not have excess gas supply available to transportation
288 customers who do not have enough gas brought to the system that day. The Hold Burn to
289 Scheduled Quantity restriction is intended to address supply problems, not system capacity
290 problems. Sometimes, like on a Design-Peak Day, there may be both a supply concern and a
291 capacity concern. If this happens Dominion Energy will call an interruption of interruptible
292 service along with a Hold Burn to Scheduled Quantity restriction.

293 **IV. OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TARIFF**

294 **Q. You indicated that the Company proposes some changes unrelated to the issues you've**
295 **described above. Please describe those changes.**

296 A. The Company is proposing to make change to sections 3, 4, 5 and 10 of the Tariff that either
297 clarify the Tariff to make it consistent with Company practices, removing sections that are no
298 longer applicable, and correcting formatting, grammar and references. These changes are
299 summarized in Exhibit 1.2 and I will provide additional explanation below.

300 **Q. Did the Company propose to rename the rate classes in docket?**

301 A. Yes. In an effort to distinguish more clearly the different rate schedules the Company
302 proposes to rename the rate classes so they are more understandable. A comparison of the
303 rate classes is shown in the table below:

304

Current Class	Proposed Class
FT-1 (Transportation Bypass Firm)	TBF (Transportation Bypass Firm)
MT (Municipal Transportation Service)	MT (Municipal Transportation Service)
TS (Firm Transportation Service)	TSF (Firm Transportation Service)
TS (Interruptible Transportation Service)	TSI (Interruptible Transportation Service)

305 The proposed Tariff also contains a paragraph about each type of service available. The
306 Company also proposes to identify interruptible and firm transportation services separately
307 throughout the Tariff.

308 **Q. What other changes are proposed for Section 3 of the tariff?**

309 A. There was some rewording in section 3.02 to clarify the requirement period for additional
310 firm service as well as other clarifications.

311 **Q. What other changes are proposed for Section 4?**

312 A. In Section 4, the Company proposes to add wording to allow customers to sign up for IS
313 service after the February 15th of a year and the requirement that the minimum yearly charge
314 must be assessed prior to the end of the contract year was removed. Additionally, the
315 requirement that IS be recontracted on an annual basis is being eliminated.

316 **Q. What other changes is the Company proposing to section 5 of the tariff?**

317 A. In Section 5.01 the Company proposes to add Liability and Legal Remedies section similar to
318 the existing language in Section 7.02 of the Tariff.

319 **Q. How does the Company propose to address the portion of Section 5.01 entitled**
320 **“Request for Service?”**

321 A. The Company proposes to split this process to address new customers and existing customers
322 separately. The proposed Tariff language requires existing customers requesting
323 transportation service to identify the meter number and account number in order to clearly
324 identify the meters that are changing types of service. The Company proposes this change in
325 order to reduce confusion about which meters are changing types of service.

326 The proposed Tariff language also sets expectations and deadlines for customers who wish to
327 receive transportation service for a newly constructed facility. These new customers are
328 required to have a signed contract and installed AC power or other required equipment by the
329 15th of any given month to be allowed to receive transportation service the 1st of the
330 following month. This gives the Company time to install the telemetry and metering
331 equipment before providing transportation service to the new customer.

332 **Q. Please explain the clarifications the Company is proposing to make to the**
333 **Transportation Service Agreement subsection of section 5.01.**

334 A. The Company proposes that this agreement will be signed by each Transportation Service
335 customer. These agreements contain terms and data that the Company now proposes to
336 outline in section 5.01. This language also makes clear that a customer cannot nominate to
337 flow more gas than the contract limit on any given day.

338 **Q. What clarifications is the Company proposing to make to the Contract Term and**
339 **Acknowledgement subsection of Section 5.01?**

340 A. This subsection requires that all contracts will have an end date of June 30th. The Company
341 proposes to deviate from its historical practice of signing contracts with an initial term of a

342 year, regardless of what time of year the contract is signed. The Company believes that
343 having the terms of all transportation contracts run to June 30th of each year will streamline
344 and simplify the process for all customers.

345 **Q. What changes are proposed for the Interruption subsection of section 5.01?**

346 A. This subsection clearly indicates that this only applies to TSI volumes. For periods of
347 interruption customers must abide by the provisions of Sections 3.01 and 3.02 of the Tariff.
348 Arrangements for gas purchase during periods of interruption have not changed.

349 **Q. What changes are proposed for Section 5.02?**

350 A. The Company proposes to change the name of FT-1 to Transportation Bypass Firm (“TBF”)
351 to more clearly describe the type of service. The Company also proposes updating this
352 provision to match other rate schedules in Section 5. Agreements would no longer have to
353 have a minimum one-year term.

354 **Q. What changes are proposed for Section 5.03?**

355 A. Municipal Transportation (MT) also had the minimum one-year term provision removed.
356 The provisions regarding balancing have been made consistent across all rate schedules in
357 section 5.

358 **Q. What clarifications does the Company propose in Section 5.04?**

359 A. The Company proposes to expand the TS rate schedule to clearly state that it applies to both
360 TSF and TSI volumes. TSF volumes pay the Firm demand charge and TSI volumes do not.
361 This is not a change to current practice, just a clarification on the rate schedule. Also, the
362 Company proposes a footnote about balancing provisions referring customers to Section
363 5.06.

364 **Q. Please explain the Nominations Section 5.05.**

365 A. The proposed section for Nominations contains wording that was previously listed beneath
366 the MT type of service. The purpose of including this language is to explain how
367 nominations are accepted and how priority will be given to each type of service in the event
368 that there is a capacity limitation on the Dominion Energy system. If the nominations are
369 higher than the allowable capacity at a point, nominations will be reduced during the
370 confirmation and scheduling process according to the stated priority of service. This is
371 common practice amongst interstate pipelines including Dominion Energy Questar Pipeline,
372 Kern River Gas Transmission, and Northwest Pipeline. Dominion Energy has not needed to
373 schedule nominations at receipt points yet, but needs to be prepared for when that day
374 arrives.

375 **Q. What changes is the Company proposing to Section 10?**

376 A. In Section 10, the Company proposes to delete Utah State sales tax and Municipal Energy
377 Sales and Use Tax rates because the tax rates change frequently, the rates shown in the Tariff
378 are often out-of-date. In an effort to provide customers with the most up to date information,
379 the proposed Tariff language removes these tables and replaces them with the location of the
380 rate tables on the State of Utah's website.

381 **Q. Are there any additional sections that the Company is proposing to change?**

382 A. Yes. The Company has also proposed changes to the glossary to include new definitions
383 related to terms being used in Sections 3, 4, and 5, and to clarify and organize existing terms.

384 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**


385 A. The Company proposes to make substantive changes to its testimony by adding a Hold Burn
386 to Scheduled Quantity restriction to its Tariff. This will provide more flexibility and clarity
387 for transportation customers and their agents in the future. In addition, the Company
388 proposes other changes to provide clarity and align the express Tariff language with
389 Company's practices. The Company requests that the Commission approve these changes
390 before the winter heating season that begins November 1.

391 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

392 A. Yes.

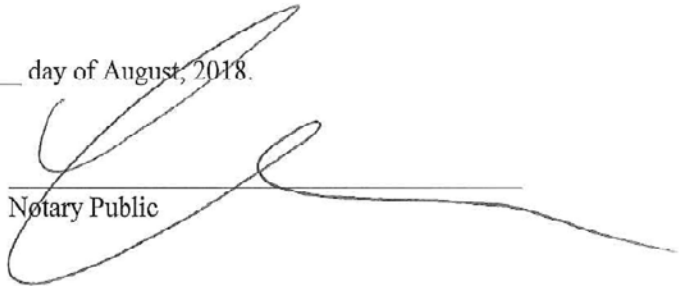
State of Utah)
) ss.
County of Salt Lake)

I, Abigail Thomas, being first duly sworn on oath, state that the answers in the foregoing written testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Except as stated in the testimony, the exhibits attached to the testimony were prepared by me or under my direction and supervision, and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Any exhibits not prepared by me or under my direction and supervision are true and correct copies of the documents they purport to be.



Abigail Thomas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO this _____ day of August, 2018.



Notary Public

