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## **Technical Conference Questions**

- To: Utah Public Service Commission
- From: Utah Division of Public Utilities Brenda Salter, Utility Technical Consultant
- Date: August 29, 2019
- Re: Docket No. 19-057-02. In the Matter of the Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and make Tariff Modifications – Cost of Service/Rate Design Technical Conference Questions.
- 1. Please provide a general overview of the Company's cost of service studies and allocation factors and the proposed rate design.
- 2. What rate impact would moving the typical GS customer block break from the current 45 Dth vs the proposed 30 Dth vs the most accurate 8 Dth have independent of all other changes?
- 3. Please show a comparison of the rates where "the Company is not proposing to completely eliminate the intra-class subsidies at this time..."("Summers" beginning on line 547) to where the rates would be if the intra-class subsidies were completely eliminated.
- 4. Regarding the Company's opinion that: "a risk that an excessive level of costs will be allocated to interruptible customers." if they were not eliminated from the Design-Day Allocation Factor ("Summers" beginning on line 219) please explain:
  - a. What does the Company consider "excessive"?
  - b. What are the calculations showing the costs to these customers if they would be included in the Design-Day Allocation Factor that would be 'excessive'?
  - c. According to recent history, what percent of customers, along with their respective volume, curtail all their usage when an OFO is issued?

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- d. What are the rate calculations of including these customers' vs excluding them in this Factor?
- 5. Please explain and show how the A&G costs are determined and calculated, and why that amount is the right amount to be included in the Distribution Plant Factor Study.