## In the Matter Of:

In Re: Dominion Energy Utah

## HEARING, DOCKET NO. 19-057-18, 19, 20, 21, 22

September 24, 2019

Job Number: 573586

| 1  | BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH  |
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| 3  | Pass-through Application ) of Dominion Energy Utah ) Docket No. 19-057-18 for an Adjustment in Rates) |
| 4  | and Charges for Natural ) Gas Service in Utah )   |
| 5  | ) Application of Dominion )   |
| 6  | Energy Utah for an ) Docket No. 19-057-19 Adjustment to the Daily )                                   |
| 7  | Transportation Imbalance ) Charge )   |
| 8  | ) Application of Dominion )   |
| 9  | Energy Utah to Change the ) Docket No. 19-057-20 Infrastructure Adjustment )                          |
| 10 | ) Application of Dominion )   |
| 11 | Energy Utah to Amortize ) Docket No. 19-057-21 the Conservation Enabling )                            |
| 12 | Tariff Balancing Account )  |
| 13 | Application of Dominion ) Energy Utah for an ) Docket No. 19-057-22                                   |
| 14 | Adjustment to the Low )   |
| 15 | Income Assistance/Energy ) Assistance Rate )  |
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| 17 | September 24, 2019<br>1:00 p.m.   |
| 18 | Location: Heber M. Wells Building   |
| 19 | 160 East 300 South, Room 403 Salt Lake City, Utah   |
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| 21 | Hearing Officer: Michael Hammer   |
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| 23 | Job No. 573586  |
| 24 | Reporter: Melinda J. Andersen   |
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| 1  | Page 4 PROCEEDINGS  |
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| 2  | HEARING OFFICER: Good afternoon. This is the                |
| 3  | time and place noticed for hearing with respect to five     |
| 4  | dockets relating to Dominion Energy Utah applications for   |
| 5  | rate adjustments. Those are Commission Docket Numbers       |
| 6  | 19-057-18 through 22. My name is Michael Hammer. I am the   |
| 7  | Commission's designated presiding officer for this hearing. |
| 8  | Let's go ahead and take appearances please beginning with   |
| 9  | Dominion.   |
| 10 | MS. CLARK: Thank you. My name is Jenniffer                  |
| 11 | Clark. I'm counsel for Dominion Energy and I have with me   |
| 12 | Cameron Sabin, also counsel for Dominion Energy. To his     |
| 13 | right we have Jordan Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson will speak  |
| 14 | on behalf of the Company in Docket 19-057-20. And to his    |
| 15 | right we have Mr. Austin Summers, who will speak on behalf  |
| 16 | of Dominion for the remainder of the dockets.               |
| 17 | HEARING OFFICER: Thank you.                                 |
| 18 | MR. JETTER: I'm Justin Jetter with the Utah                 |
| 19 | Attorney General's office and I'm here today representing   |
| 20 | the Utah Division of Public Utilities. With me at counsel   |
| 21 | table is Division witness Doug Wheelwright.                 |
| 22 | MR. MOORE: Robert Moore with the AG's office                |
| 23 | representing the Office of Consumer Services. With me is    |
| 24 | Michele Beck, director of the Office.                       |
| 25 | HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. The Commission                  |
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Page 5 received the parties' legal briefs and appreciates those 1 2 very much. Would counsel like an opportunity to speak at 3 all to those issues today, or are they happy to submit that 4 matter on the papers and simply take evidence today? I'll begin with you, Ms. Clark. 5 6 MS. CLARK: The Company is happy to submit it on the papers and just focus on evidence today. 7 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Jetter? 8 9 MR. JETTER: I would like to make just a brief 10 comment addressing one of the items addressed in the reply 11 from Dominion Energy, which was the transportation 12 imbalance charge. What I was going to revise our comment a 13 little bit on that is that on the transportation imbalance charge I think that the Company has a strong point in that 14 the 5 percent fluctuation makes it a nondollar for dollar 15 recovery. The Division continues to recommend that these 16 rates be put into effect as requested by the Company, but 17 on that point we certainly can see that unlikely would be 18 considered a gas balancing account. So slight modification 19 20 to our position on that. 21 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Jetter. 2.2 Mr. Moore? 23 MR. MOORE: We're happy to submit the issue on 24 the pleadings. HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Clark, I don't imagine 25

Page 6 you want to argue with Mr. Jetter about his point? 1 2 MS. CLARK: Not at all. Thank you. 3 HEARING OFFICER: Go ahead and call your first 4 witness please. MS. CLARK: The Company calls Austin Summers. 5 6 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Summers, do you swear to tell the truth? 7 8 THE WITNESS: Yes. 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION 10 BY MS. CLARK: 11 Mr. Summers, please state your full name and Q. 12 business address for the record? 13 My name is Austin Summers. My business address 14 is 333 South State Street in Salt Lake City, Utah. 15 What position do you hold with the Company? Q. 16 I am a manager of regulatory affairs. Α. 17 Did you prepare, or was it prepared under your Q. direction, the application in Docket Number 19-057-18 and 18 19 the accompanying exhibits 1.1 through 1.8? 2.0 Α. Yes. 21 0. Do you adopt the contents of those documents as 22 your testimony today? 23 Α. Yes. 24 MS. CLARK: The Company moves to admit the 25 application in Docket 19-057-18 with accompanying exhibits

Page 7 DEU Exhibit 1.1 through DEU Exhibit 1.8. 1 2 HEARING OFFICER: They're admitted. 3 MS. CLARK: Thank you. 4 0. (By Ms. Clark) Mr. Summers, can you please summarize the relief the Company seeks in this docket? 5 Yes. In pass-through Docket Number 19-057-18, 6 Α. Dominion Energy respectfully asks the Utah Public Service 7 Commission for approval of \$444,036,444 in Utah gas cost 8 9 coverage. This represents an overall increase of \$11,352,000. The components of the increase are, first, an 10 11 increase of \$34,246,000 in commodity costs, and second, a 12 decrease of \$22,894,000 in supplier non-gas costs. Also 13 included in this filing is the Commission approved changes from Docket Number 19-057-T01 to the cost categorization 14 definitions associated with SNG and commodity costs. 15 This request includes an amortization of the 16 17 commodity portion of the actual July 2019 under collected 191 balance of \$49,754,027 by a \$0.43865 decatherm debit 18 19 surcharge. 20 The Company is also requesting to continue 21 amortizing the under collected SNG costs of \$2.4 million 22 from the prior case which leads to the debit amortization 23 charges shown on Exhibit 1.5, page 3. 24 The cost of purchased gas was developed using the forecasted gas price from both PIRA Energy Group and 25

Page 8 1 Cambridge Energy Research Associates. 2 If this application is approved, just for this 3 docket, a typical Utah GS customer using 80 decatherms per 4 year would see an increase of \$8.24, or a total annual increase of about 1.32 percent. 5 6 These rates are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. And therefore, we request the rates 7 8 proposed in commodity and SNG rates be allowed to go into effect on October 1, 2019. 9 10 Just for informational purposes, the Company is concurrently filing for changes in other dockets that also 11 12 affect the bill of a typical customer. Those dockets are included in this hearing today. If approved, the combined 13 rates would lead to a typical Utah GS customer using 80 14 15 decatherms per year seeing an annual increase of \$11.47, or 16 about 1.84 percent. 17 That concludes my summary on that. MS. CLARK: Mr. Summers is available for cross 18 19 examination and Commission questions. 2.0 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Jetter? 21 MR. JETTER: I have no questions. Thank you. 2.2 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Moore? 23 MR. MOORE: No questions. Thank you. 24 HEARING OFFICER: And I have none. Thank you, 25 Mr. Summers. I think what makes sense, Ms. Clark, is for

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     you to call all your witnesses now for each of the dockets.
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                 MS. CLARK:
                             Sure. Then Mr. Summers -- if it's
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     acceptable to you, why don't we finish with all of the
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     dockets for which Mr. Summers is responsible and then move
     to Mr. Stephenson.
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                 HEARING OFFICER: That's fine.
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                 (By Ms. Clark) Mr. Summers, I want to draw
     your attention to Docket Number 19-057-19, the
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     transportation imbalance charge docket. Do you have that
     in front of you?
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     1.1 through 1.3 in Docket 19-057-19, were those documents
     prepared by you, or under your direction?
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                 MS. CLARK: The Company would move to admit the
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     application in Docket Number 19-057-19 along with
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     accompanying exhibits DEU 1.1 through 1.3.
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                 HEARING OFFICER: They're admitted.
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                 MS. CLARK: Thank you.
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                 (By Ms. Clark) Mr. Summers, would you please
     summarize the relief the Company seeks in this docket?
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- 1 docket, Dominion Energy Utah seeks to update the daily
- 2 transportation imbalance charge using the historical data
- 3 for the 12 months ending July 31, 2019. Based on this
- 4 historical data, the Company is proposing to increase the
- 5 rate slightly from 8.323 cents to 8.489 cents per
- 6 decatherm.
- 7 The Company believes that this rate increase is
- 8 just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Therefore,
- 9 the Company requests that the rates be approved with an
- 10 effective date of October 1, 2019.
- 11 This concludes my comments.
- 12 MS. CLARK: Mr. Summers is available for
- 13 questions or cross examination.
- 14 HEARING OFFICER: I'll just ask Mr. Jetter and
- 15 Mr. Moore, do you have any preference if we wait, if we
- 16 reserve cross examination for once Mr. Summers is finished
- 17 with all his testimony?
- 18 MR. JETTER: I would probably prefer to wait
- 19 until the end of his testimony, I guess. I don't intend to
- 20 ask any questions.
- 21 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Moore?
- 22 MR. MOORE: The Office confers with the
- 23 Division.
- 24 HEARING OFFICER: All right. Go ahead.
- Q. (By Ms. Clark) The next docket, Mr. Summers, I

Page 11 would like to turn your attention to is Docket Number 1 2 19-057-21, the CET application. 3 Α. I have that. 4 0. Again, I want to draw your attention to the application in this docket and accompanying exhibits 1.1 5 through 1.5. Were those documents prepared by you, or 6 under your direction? 7 Α. 8 Yes. 9 0. And do you adopt them as your testimony today? 10 Α. Yes. 11 MS. CLARK: The Company would move to admit the 12 application and accompanying exhibits 1.1 through 1.5 in 13 Docket Number 19-057-21. 14 HEARING OFFICER: They're admitted. 15 MS. CLARK: Thank you. 16 Q. (By Ms. Clark) Mr. Summers, would you please 17 summarize the relief the Company requests in this CET 18 docket? 19 Yes. In the CET docket the Company is 20 requesting to amortize the conservation enabling tariff 21 balancing account. The account currently has a slightly 22 over collected balance, so the existing credit amortization 23 needs to be removed to prevent the account from being over collected more in the upcoming winter months. 24 25 The Company proposes to increase the

Page 12 amortization rate to amortize the current balance of 1 2 \$41,456. This debit amortization will result in an annual 3 increase of \$2.34 for a typical customer, or about a 0.38 percent increase. 4 The proposed rates are just, reasonable, and in 5 6 the public interest. Therefore, the Company requests that the rates be approved with rates going into effect on 7 October 1, 2019. 8 9 That concludes my summary. Thank you, Mr. Summers. And finally, I would 10 0. 11 like to turn your attention to Docket Number 19-057-22, the 12 low income assistance docket. 13 Α. Okav. I have that. With regard to the application and accompanying 14 0. exhibits 1.1 through 1.5 in this docket, were those also 15 16 prepared by you, or under your direction? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. Do you adopt those as your testimony today? Yes. 19 Α. 2.0 MS. CLARK: The Company would move to admit the 21 application in Docket Number 19-057-22 along with 22 accompanying exhibits 1.1 through 1.5. 23 HEARING OFFICER: They're admitted. 24 MS. CLARK: Thank you. (By Ms. Clark) Mr. Summers, would you please 25 Q.

## Page 13 summarize the relief the Company seeks in this application?

- 2 A. Yes. In this docket, the application of
- 3 Dominion Energy Utah for a tariff change and adjustment to
- 4 the low income assistance/energy assistance rate, Dominion
- 5 Energy Utah is proposing to make changes to the energy
- 6 assistance rate. These changes will result in an annual
- 7 increase of 1 cent for a typical customer. The Company has
- 8 also proposed to adjust the annual energy assistance credit
- 9 to \$75 per qualifying customer per year.
- 10 It is anticipated that there will be about
- 11 \$1.65 million available to help qualifying customers pay
- 12 their gas bills during the winter heating season. And it
- is anticipated that about 21,800 customers will participate
- in this program during the 2019, 2020 test period.
- It is my testimony that the proposed rates are
- 16 just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Therefore,
- 17 the Company requests that the rates be approved with rates
- 18 going into effect on October 1, 2019.
- 19 And that concludes my summary.
- MS. CLARK: We can make Mr. Summers available
- 21 for cross examination now or we can talk to Mr. Stephenson
- 22 and have them testify as a panel.
- 23 HEARING OFFICER: We'll finish with
- 24 Mr. Summers. I don't expect we have any questions.
- 25 Mr. Jetter?

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| 1  | MR. JETTER: I have no questions.                          |
| 2  | HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Moore?                               |
| 3  | MR. MOORE: No questions. Thank you.                       |
| 4  | HEARING OFFICER: And I don't have any. Thank              |
| 5  | you, Mr. Summers.   |
| 6  | MS. CLARK: Thank you. The Company would                   |
| 7  | finally call Mr. Jordan Stephenson.                       |
| 8  | HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Stephenson, do you swear             |
| 9  | to tell the truth?  |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: Yes.   |
| 11 | DIRECT EXAMINATION  |
| 12 | BY MS. CLARK:   |
| 13 | Q. Would you please state your name and business          |
| 14 | address for the record?                                   |
| 15 | A. Jordan Stephenson, 333 South State, Salt Lake          |
| 16 | City.   |
| 17 | Q. What position do you hold with the Company?            |
| 18 | A. I'm a manager of regulation.                           |
| 19 | Q. With regard to the application in Docket Number        |
| 20 | 19-057-20 and accompanying exhibits 1.1 through 1.6, were |
| 21 | these documents prepared by you, or under your direction? |
| 22 | A. Yes.   |
| 23 | Q. Do you adopt their contents as your testimony          |
| 24 | today?  |
| 25 | A. Yes.   |
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                 MS. CLARK:
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     application in the referenced docket along with
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     accompanying exhibits 1.1 through 1.6.
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     the Company seeks in this docket?
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     to adjust the infrastructure tracker replacement rate to
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     were in service as of August 31, 2019. The majority of
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     this additional investment occurred in the feeder line 21
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     replacement project and various intermediate high pressure
     belt line replacement projects.
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                 The Company is requesting a $2 million increase
     in annual revenue related to this investment, resulting in
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     a total annual revenue requirement of $34.6 million.
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     approved, this would result in an increase of 86 cents per
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     year, or .14 percent, paid by a typical customer using 80
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     decatherms per year.
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     expenses have been prudently incurred, and the resulting
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     rate adjustment is just, reasonable, and in the public
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     interest.
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                 And this concludes my summary.
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Page 16 MS. CLARK: Mr. Stephenson is available for 1 2 cross examination or Commission questions. 3 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Jetter? 4 MR. JETTER: No questions. 5 MR. MOORE: No questions. 6 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Stephenson. No other witnesses, Ms. Clark? 7 8 MS. CLARK: No. The Company has nothing 9 further. 10 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Jetter? 11 MR. JETTER: Thank you. The Division would 12 like to call and have sworn in Doug Wheelwright. HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Wheelwright, do you swear 13 14 to tell the truth? 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. 16 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you. 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. JETTER: 19 0. Mr. Wheelwright, would you please state your 20 name and occupation for the record? 21 Α. My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright. I'm a 2.2 technical consultant with the Division of Public Utilities. 23 0. Thank you. In the course of your employment with the Division have you had an opportunity to review the 24 filings made by Dominion Energy in this docket? 25

Page 17 Yes, I have. 1 Α. 2 Q. Did you create and cause to be filed with the 3 Commission comments from the Division on September 17, 4 2019? Yes, I did. 5 Α. 6 Q. Do you have any corrections or changes that you would like to make to those? 7 Α. 8 No. 9 0. Would you adopt those as your testimony today? Yes, I would. 10 Α. 11 MR. JETTER: I would like to move to enter the 12 Division's comments from September 17, 2019 into the 13 record. 14 HEARING OFFICER: They're admitted. 15 MR. JETTER: Thank you. 16 Q. (By Mr. Jetter) Have you prepared a summary of 17 the Division's position in review of the dockets that we're here for today? 18 19 Yes, I have. Α. 20 Please go ahead. Q. 21 Α. Thank you. Docket Number 19-057-18 known as 2.2 the 191 pass-through application asks for Commission 23 approval for an increase of \$32.2 million in a commodity component, and a decrease of \$22.9 million in the supplier 24 25 non-gas component of natural gas rates for a net increase

Page 18 1 of \$11.4 million.

- 2 The primary reason for the requested increase
- 3 is due to actual gas costs, which were higher than the
- 4 forecast used to establish rates, and a subsequent under
- 5 collection of gas costs in the 191 account.
- 6 The test year ending September 30, 2020 it is
- 7 anticipated that approximately 50 percent of the total gas
- 8 requirement will be satisfied from the Wexpro cost of
- 9 service gas production, and the remaining 50 percent will
- 10 be purchased through existing and future contracts as well
- 11 as spot market purchase transactions.
- 12 If this docket is approved individually, a
- 13 typical GS customer will see an increase in their annual
- 14 bill of \$8.24, or an increase of 1.32 percent.
- The Division recommends that the proposed rate
- 16 be approved until a full audit of the 191 account can be
- 17 completed. The Division believes that the requested
- 18 changes are in the public interest and recommends that the
- 19 proposed rate changes be approved with an effective date of
- 20 October 1, 2019.
- 21 That concludes my summary for that docket.
- 22 Q. Thank you.
- 23 MR. JETTER: If it would work for everyone
- 24 else, we would like to just proceed through all of the
- 25 dockets at once --

Page 19 1 HEARING OFFICER: That's great. 2 MR. JETTER: -- and offer Mr. Wheelwright for 3 cross. 4 Q. (By Mr. Jetter) Please go ahead. Docket Number 19-057-19, or the transportation 5 imbalance charge, was established to charge transportation 6 7 customers for the supplier non-gas services that are being used on the Company's natural gas distribution system. 8 9 The calculation of this rate is based on the methodology approved in Docket 14-057-31, and is to be 10 11 adjusted with each pass-through filing and in the next 12 general rate case. 13 The proposed change represents an increase from 8.323 cents per decatherm to 8.489 cents per decatherm as 14 calculated based on the actual volumes of transportation 15 customers for the 12 months ending July 31, 2019. This 16 17 rate applies to customers that are taking service on the transportation rate schedules. And any amount collected is 18 19 credited to GS customers through the 191 account. 20 This rate does not impact all transportation 21 customers in the same way and applies only if customer's nominations are outside of the plus or minus 5 percent 22 23 daily tolerance limit. The transportation customers can 24 minimize and possibly avoid this charge through accurate 25 daily gas nominations.

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     changes are in the public interest and recommends that the
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     proposed rate be approved with an effective date of October
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                 Docket Number 19-057-20, or the infrastructure
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     rate adjustment, was established to allow the Company to
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     make periodic adjustments to the surcharge as
     infrastructure investment is completed and placed into
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                 In this filing the Company is asking for an
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     increase in the revenue requirement of $1.965 million.
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     requested increase will be collected from each rate
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     schedule based on the current allowed cost of service and
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     rate design approved in the most recent generate rate case.
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     typical GS customer will see an increase in their annual
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     is in the public interest and recommends that the proposed
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     rate be approved with an effective date of October 1, 2019.
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                 Docket Number 19-057-21, known as the
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     conservation enabling tariff, or CET, asks for Commission
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     approval to amortize the July 2019 under collected balance
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     of $41,500. The Division has reviewed and supports the
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     application and the calculations as submitted by the
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Page 21 1 Company. 2 If this docket were approved individually, a 3 typical GS customer will see an increase in their annual 4 bill of \$2.34, or .38 percent. The increase in this rate is due to the removal of the credit amortization for an 5 over collection in a prior period. 6 The Division recommends that the proposed rate 7 be approved with an effective date of October 1, 2019. 8 Last docket, 19-057-22 is a request to adjust 9 the low income assistance component of DNG rates and 10 11 decrease the annual assistance amount available to 12 qualifying customers. 13 The Division has reviewed and supports the 14 application as submitted and agrees that the annual credit should be decreased from \$77 to \$75 per customer. If this 15 docket is approved individually, a typical GS customer will 16 see an increase of 1 cent in their annual bill. 17 This program does not require an audit of the 18 individual increase and the Division believes that the 19 20 requested change is in the public interest. The Division 21 recommends that the proposed rate be approved with an 2.2 effective date of October 1, 2019. 23 In summary, the Division supports and 24 recommends approval of the rate changes requested in all 25 five of the dockets discussed today. Approval should allow

| 1  | Page 22<br>future adjustments based on prudence findings and is a |  |  |  |  |
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| 2  | reasonable combination to avoid significant negative              |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | effects that could result from a sudden change to the             |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | treatment of the 191 account.                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | The conservation enabling tariff and low income                   |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | dockets do not need an audit and can be approved as final         |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | rates.  |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | While each docket has been presented                              |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | independently, the Division has completed a summary of the        |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | combined impact of all of the proposed changes. If all            |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | five dockets approved, a type GS customer will see an             |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | increase of approximately \$11.45, or 1.84 percent, increase      |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | from the rates currently in effect.                               |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | The Division believes the requested charges are                   |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | in the public interest and represent just and reasonable          |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | rates.  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | That concludes my summary.  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | Q. Thank you.   |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | MR. JETTER: I have no further questions.                          |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | Mr. Wheelwright is available for cross and questions from         |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | the Commission.   |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Clark?                                       |  |  |  |  |
| 23 | MS. CLARK: No questions.  |  |  |  |  |
| 24 | HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Moore?                                       |  |  |  |  |
| 25 | MR. MOORE: No questions.  |  |  |  |  |
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                 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Mr. Wheelwright.
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     Mr. Jetter, you have no other witnesses?
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                 MR. JETTER: I have no other witnesses.
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                 HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Moore?
                 MR. MOORE: The Office calls Michele Beck and
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     asks that she be sworn.
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                 HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Beck, do you swear to
     tell the truth?
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes.
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     BY MR. MOORE:
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           Q.
                 Would you please state your name and occupation
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     for the record?
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                 My name is Michele Beck, and I am the director
     of the Office of Consumer Services.
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                 In your capacity as director of the Office did
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     you prepare the September 20, 2019 reply comments filed by
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     the Office?
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                 I prepared them or oversaw the preparation.
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                 Do you have any changes that you would like to
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                 Do you adopt these comments as your testimony
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| 1  | Page 24<br>MR. MOORE: The Office would move for the        |
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| 2  | admission of these comments as testimony.                  |
| 3  | HEARING OFFICER: They're admitted.                         |
| 4  | Q. (By Mr. Moore) Do you have any further                  |
| 5  | comments you would like to make?                           |
| 6  | A. Just a brief summary. The Office today raises           |
| 7  | no objections to the proposed rate changes that you have   |
| 8  | heard discussed before you. And also, we, although we take |
| 9  | a different legal position than the Division, we support   |
| 10 | their recommendation, which actually I don't think was     |
| 11 | restated today. But we support their recommendation to     |
| 12 | open a docket to evaluate potential process and tariff     |
| 13 | changes that governs the pass-through dockets, the 191     |
| 14 | account.   |
| 15 | And that's all I have.                                     |
| 16 | MR. MOORE: Director Beck is available for                  |
| 17 | cross examination and questions from the Hearing Officer.  |
| 18 | HEARING OFFICER: Ms. Clark?                                |
| 19 | MS. CLARK: I have no questions. Thank you.                 |
| 20 | HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Jetter?                               |
| 21 | MR. JETTER: I have no questions.                           |
| 22 | HEARING OFFICER: Thank you, Ms. Beck. Is                   |
| 23 | there anything else from any of the parties before we      |
| 24 | adjourn?   |
| 25 | MS. CLARK: Nothing from the Company.                       |
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                 MR. JETTER: Nothing further from the Division.
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                 HEARING OFFICER: Then we're adjourned. Thank
     you everybody.
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| 1  | Page 26<br>CERTIFICATE                                      |  |  |  |
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| 2  | STATE OF UTAH )   |  |  |  |
| 3  | :<br>COUNTY OF SALT LAKE )                                  |  |  |  |
| 4  | I, Melinda J. Andersen, Certified Shorthand Reporter        |  |  |  |
| 5  | and Notary Public in and for the County of Salt Lake and    |  |  |  |
| 6  | State of Utah, do hereby certify:                           |  |  |  |
| 7  | That the foregoing proceedings were taken before me at      |  |  |  |
| 8  | the time and place herein set forth, and were taken down by |  |  |  |
| 9  | me in shorthand and thereafter transcribed into typewritten |  |  |  |
| 10 | under my direction and supervision:                         |  |  |  |
| 11 | That the foregoing 26 pages contain a true and correct      |  |  |  |
| 12 | transcription of my shorthand notes so taken.               |  |  |  |
| 13 | WITNESS MY HAND and official seal at Salt Lake City,        |  |  |  |
| 14 | Utah this 11th day of October, 2018.                        |  |  |  |
| 15 | Melinda Jendersen   |  |  |  |
| 16 | My Commission Expires: Melinda J. Andersen, C.S.R.          |  |  |  |
| 17 | February 10, 2022   |  |  |  |
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