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## Action Request Response

**To:** Utah Public Service Commission

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Artie Powell, Manager

Doug Wheelwright, Utility Technical Consultant Supervisor

Eric Orton, Utility Technical Consultant

**Date:** April 28, 2020

**Re:** **Docket No. 19-057-30**, DEU Replacement Infrastructure 2020 Annual Plan and Budget.

### Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge Dominion Energy Utah's (Gas Utility) adjusted 2020 annual plan and budget in accordance with the Company's Tariff 500 § 2.07. The filing fulfills the annual budget filing requirement identified in the stipulation in Docket No.13-057-05.

### Issue

The Gas Utility has provided DEU Exhibit 1U which is its adjusted 2020 annual budget to conform to the Commission's Report and Order dated February 25, 2020, Docket No. 19-057-02. To accomplish its directive, the Gas Utility took \$7.8 million from the budget for FL 43 thus dropping its total original budget from \$80 million to \$72.2 million.

The \$72.2 million is comprised of \$61.6 million for high pressure lines (HP), \$10.1 million for intermediate high pressure (IHP) lines, and the engineering budget of \$550,000 for the new total

2020 infrastructure tracker budget \$72.2 million. Additionally, DEU Exhibit 1U shows the adjusted budget and 3U includes two updated project maps. The other exhibits from filing 19-057-30 have not changed.

## **Background**

In its current filing, the Gas Utility adjusted the 2020 Replacement Infrastructure annual plan and budget. The November 15, 2109 filing, totaled \$80.0 million and had budgeted \$69.4 million to replace segments of Feeder Lines 21, 22, 23, and 43 and \$10.1 million to replace segments of (IHP) belt lines in Salt Lake and Davis Counties with \$0.5 million for engineering studies. In its February 25, 2020 Report and Order in Docket No. 19-057-02 the Commission approved a budget of \$72.2 million, adjusted for inflation going forward.

On March 31, 2020, the Gas Utility submitted its adjusted budget, entitled Replacement Infrastructure 2020 Annual Plan and Budget Docket No. 19-057-30, along with two exhibits showing the adjustments to the planned infrastructure replacement projects for the 2020 calendar year. On April 7, 2020, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting that the Division “Review for Compliance and Make Recommendations” with a due date of May 7, 2020. This memo is the Division’s response to the Action Request.

## **Discussion**

According to the adjusted or updated filing, the Gas Utility has not altered any of its plans for FL and IHP replacements other than reducing the planned budget of feeder line 43. Other than that change, the originally filed budget remains the Gas Utility’s plans for 2020 and as such the Division will not repeat the details of those plans as it did in its December 16, 2019 Action Request Response.

## **Conclusion**

The letter the Gas Utility filed with the Commission on March 31, 2020, adjusting the Replacement Infrastructure 2020 Annual Plan and Budget, complies with Commission order and

therefore, the Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the letter. This filing is not requesting any change in the Company's current rates.

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