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Re: **Docket No. 19-057-T04**, Dominion Energy Utah's GreenTherm Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") acknowledge Dominion Energy Utah's ("DEU") GreenTherm Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2020.

Issue

On June 30, 2021, DEU filed its first annual report summarizing the activity of the GreenTherm program in compliance with Commission Order in Docket No. 19-057-T04. The Commission issued an Action Request on July 1, 2021, directing the Division to evaluate the report regarding tariff compliance with a due date of July 30, 2021. Subsequently the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period giving interested parties until August 2, 2021 to provide

comments, with reply comments due August 17, 2021. This memorandum is the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

Background

DEU submitted an application with the Commission on March 29, 2019 seeking to create the GreenTherm program offering the Company's ratepayers the opportunity to purchase RNG credits. The Division was initially opposed to the GreenTherm program, but ultimately supported a settlement agreement reached between DEU, the Division, the Office of Consumer Services, and the Utah Association of Energy Users. DEU agreed to file its first annual report of the GreenTherm program by June 30, 2021.

Analysis

The Division reviewed the first annual report and compared it to the approved tariff section 8.09 (pages 8-19 and 8-20). The Division finds the report to be in compliance with the tariff. DEU acknowledges that a national RNG verification standard is still in development and anticipates significant progress in that development by summer 2021. The Division also notes DEU had sold more green energy attributes to voluntary customers than it had purchased as of December 31, 2020. DEU cured this deficiency during January 2021.

The Division recommends DEU continue to provide to the Division, at the time of its annual filing, supplemental information detailing program expenses, administrative expenses, the number of Renewable Natural Gas ("RNG") credits purchased, from whom the credits were purchased, and the cost for each credit. The Division requests the supplemental information be supplied in Excel format with formulae intact.

Conclusion

The Division finds DEU's first annual GreenTherm report to be in compliance with Tariff 8.09 and recommends the Commission acknowledge the report.

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