

# APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY

Docket No. 19-057-T05

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2 APPLICATION OF DOMINION )  
ENERGY UTAH FOR APPROVAL OF ) Presiding Officer:  
2 MODIFICATIONS TO TARIFF ) Michael Hammer  
2 SECTIONS 2.01, 4.01 AND )  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Lets's go on the  
4 record, please. Good afternoon, everyone. This is the  
5 time and place noticed for the hearing in the matter of  
6 the application of Dominion Energy Utah for approval of  
7 modification to Tariff Sections 2.01, 4.01 and 5.01.  
8 This is Commission Docket No. 19-057-T05.

9 My name is Michael Hammer, and I'm the  
10 Commission designated presiding officer. Let's have  
11 appearances, beginning with the company, please.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. My name is Jennifer  
13 Clark. I'm counsel for Dominion Energy. And I have with  
14 me Austin Summer, as a representative of and witness for  
15 the company.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

17 MR. JETTER: Good morning. I'm Justin Jetter  
18 with the Utah Attorney General's Office. I represent the  
19 Utah Division of Public Utilities.

20 We do not intend to present a witness today.

21 MR. MECHAM: Steve Mecham, representing the  
22 American Natural Gas Council.

23 I also don't intend to present a witness.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Before we begin,  
25 my understanding is that the American Natural Gas Council

1 filed a motion to intervene that has not been technically  
2 been granted; is that correct?

3 MR. MECHAM: We did file.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: There is no order  
5 granting?

6 MR. MECHAM: I haven't seen an order  
7 granting.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: There's no  
9 objection?

10 MS. CLARK: No. In fact, we've been  
11 collaborating with ANGC, and we think we've found agreed  
12 upon language that Mr. Summers will speak to today.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Excellent. Then  
14 we will go ahead and deem the intervention motion  
15 granted.

16 MR. MECHAM: Thank you.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Is there anything  
18 else before we begin with testimony?

19 MS. CLARK: Just if I may approach, it might  
20 be expeditious if you had these exhibits now.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Of course.

22 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

23 (Exhibits handed out.)

24 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Go ahead and call  
25 your witness, Ms. Clark.

1 MS. CLARK: The company calls Austin C.  
2 Summers.

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 AUSTIN SUMMERS,

5 called as a witness, having been first duly sworn,  
6 was examined and testified as follows:

7 BY MS. CLARK:

8 Q. Mr. Summers, can you please state your full  
9 name and business address for the record?

10 A. Yes. My name is Austin C. Summers, address  
11 is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City Utah.

12 Q. And can you identify your employer and  
13 describe the position you hold there?

14 A. I am employed by Dominion Energy as a manager  
15 of rates and regulation.

16 Q. Mr. Summers, were the application and your  
17 direct testimony, with the accompanying exhibits, 1.01 to  
18 1.03, prepared by you and per your direction?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And the company also submitted reply  
21 comments, with accompanying exhibits, 1.01R and 1.02R in  
22 this matter.

23 Were those also prepared by you or under your  
24 direction?

25 A. Yes, they were.

1           Q.    Do you adopt the contents of those documents  
2 as your testimony today?

3           A.    Yes.

4           Q.    Can you please summarize for the Commission  
5 the relief the company sought and the position it takes  
6 today?

7           A.    Yes.  So in this docket, this is 19-057-T05,  
8 it's closely related to company's general rate case in  
9 Docket No. 19-057-02.  If the Commission approves all or  
10 part of the company's application in that case, the  
11 changes are expected to be effective on March 1st of  
12 2020.

13                       Unfortunately, this causes a timing conflict  
14 for customers determining to move from one class to  
15 another.  That could either be either sales to  
16 transportation service or transportation service to  
17 sales, because they might have incomplete information on  
18 what rates they would be paying.

19                       The company originally proposed, in this  
20 docket, to change some dates in the tariff, to give  
21 customers time to know what the rates in each class would  
22 be.  The ANGC filed comments on December 4th, suggesting  
23 a slightly longer time frame in 2020.  The company filed  
24 its reply comments on December 12th, and these reply  
25 comments were generally supportive of ANGC proposal and



1 the company offered new tariff sheets to support these  
2 changes.

3           Since that time, the company was informed  
4 that there were still conflicting dates in the December  
5 12th tariff pages, so I have brought with me today new  
6 tariff sheets with those dates corrected, and that is  
7 what was handed out before. And those are marked as DEU  
8 Hearing Exhibit No. 2 for the legislative version and DEU  
9 Hearing Exhibit No. 3 for the clean version.

10           So I want to walk you through the two changes  
11 that were in this. So on the second page of Exhibit 2,  
12 you will notice that there is a change there that is  
13 highlighted in yellow. That date was not changed in the  
14 company's December 12th reply comments but does need to  
15 be changed to match the date above it, that other March  
16 31st change that is right above it. So that is the first  
17 change.

18           The other change is on the fifth page of  
19 that. It's in Section 5, so it shows up as page 5-6 of  
20 the tariff. There is another highlighted date on that.  
21 That was a similar error. So that date also needs to be  
22 changed to be in line with the dates that were changed  
23 earlier in that paragraph.

24           I have spoken with the Division of Public  
25 Utilities and the ANGC, before this hearing, to review

1 the changes, and I can represent that both parties agree  
2 these changes need to be made. The company plans to file  
3 these tariff changes later today, after this hearing, to  
4 replace the tariff pages were that filed in December 12th  
5 reply comments.

6 And that concludes my summary.

7 MS. CLARK: The company would move for the  
8 admission of the application of Mr. Summers' direct  
9 testimony and accompanying Exhibit 1.1 through 1.3, the  
10 company's reply comments, with accompanying Exhibits  
11 1.01R through 1.02R, as well as DEU Hearing Exhibits 2  
12 and 3.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: They are admitted.  
14 (Hearing Exhibits 1, 1.01, 1.02, 2 and 3  
15 were marked for identification.)

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you. The company has  
17 nothing further.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Jetter?

19 MR. JETTER: So I am not sure if this is a  
20 cross-examination opportunity or opportunity to present  
21 to the Commission, but --

22 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Opportunity to ask  
23 cross-examination questions.

24 MR. JETTER: Okay. That is what I was  
25 thinking. I have no questions.

1           PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Mr. Mecham?

2           MR. MECHAM: I don't have any questions for  
3 Mr. Summers, but I do have something I want to put on the  
4 record at the appropriate time.

5           PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: All right.

6           And I have nothing for you, Mr. Summers. You  
7 are excused.

8           Ms. Clark, anything else?

9           MS. CLARK: Nothing more from the company.

10          PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: All right.

11          Mr. Jetter?

12          MR. JETTER: The Division is not intending to  
13 present a witness today. We'd just like to go on the  
14 record briefly to indicate that the Division has  
15 supported these changes.

16                 And the Division's filed an action request  
17 response recommending approval of these changes on  
18 December 3rd. And recognizing that the two minor changes  
19 that Mr. Summers identified, I just proffer for the  
20 record that because the Commission might take notice of  
21 the Division's filing, and we still support the changes  
22 requested in this application.

23          PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Has the Division  
24 had an opportunity to review the hearing exhibits and  
25 confirm that they reflect the changes that need to be

1 made?

2 MR. JETTER: Yes.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: All right.

4 MR. JETTER: That is all I have. Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Thank you.

6 Mr. Mecham?

7 MR. MECHAM: Thank you. I will represent, as  
8 Ms. Clark did, the American Natural Gas Council is  
9 supportive of these changes, recognizing that this issue  
10 is still a live issue in the rate case, and we are  
11 arguing something else.

12 But for purposes of this tariff proceeding,  
13 we are fine.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER HAMMER: Understood. Thank  
15 you.

16 All right. If there is nothing else, we will  
17 adjourn. Thank you.

18 (The hearing was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

State of Utah            )  
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County of Salt Lake    )

I hereby certify that the witnesses in the foregoing hearing were duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the within-entitled cause;

That said hearing was taken at the time and place herein named;

That the testimony of said witnesses were reported by me in stenotype and thereafter transcribed into typewritten form.

I further certify that I am not of kin or otherwise associated with any of the parties of said cause of action and that I am not interested in the events thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand this 4th day of January, 2020.



Kellie Peterson, RPR

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