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1	BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH
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4	Application of Dominion)
5	Energy Utah for an) Adjustment to the Daily)
6	Transportation Imbalance) Charge)
7) Docket No. 21-057-09
8	Application of Dominion)
9	Energy Utah to Account for) the Excess Deferred Income) Tax Amortization between)
10	January 2019 - March 2020) Docket No. 21-057-10
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12	Pass-Through Application of) Dominion Energy Utah for an)
13	Adjustment in Rates and) Charges for Natural Gas)
14	Service in Utah) Docket No. 21-057-11
15) bocket no. 21-037-11
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18	VIRTUAL CONSOLIDATED HEARING TAKEN THROUGH
19	ADVANCED REPORTING SOLUTIONS
20	Taken on May 25, 2021
21	1:00 p.m. to 1:41 p.m.
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24	Reported by: Michelle Mallonee, RPR, CCR
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1	PROCEEDINGS
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3	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Good afternoon,
4	everyone. It is 1:00, May 25th, 2021. And this is the
5	date and time to consider three Dominion Energy Utah
6	applications, beginning with 21-057-09, Application of
7	Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the Daily
8	Transportation Imbalance Charge;
9	Docket No. 21-057-10, the Application of
10	Dominion Energy Utah to Account for the Excess Deferred
11	Income Tax Amortization between January 2019 and
12	March 2020;
13	And finally, Docket No. 21-057-11, Pass-Through
14	Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment in
15	Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah.
16	My name is Yvonne Hogle, and I am the Public
17	Service Commission's designated presiding officer.
18	I guess at this time, I'd like to take
19	appearances for the record, please, starting with the
20	applicant.
21	MS. CLARK: Thank you. My name is Jenniffer
22	Nelson-Clark. I'm counsel for Dominion Energy Utah. And
23	I have with me Damir Sabanovic, who will be serving as
24	the Company's witness in the 21-057-09 docket, the
25	transportation imbalance charge.

1	Also with me is Jordan Stephenson. He will
2	serve as the Company's witness in Docket No. 21-057-10.
3	And I also have Jessica Ipson with me, and she
4	will be serving as the Company's witness in Docket
5	21-057-11, the pass-through docket.
6	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.
7	I'm wondering, Michelle, if you need Ms. Clark
8	to spell Mr. Damir Sabanovic's last name?
9	THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, please.
10	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.
11	MS. CLARK: Damir, would you go ahead and spell
12	your name for her?
13	MR. SAVANOVIC: I would love to. My last name
14	is S-A-B-A-N-O-V-I-C.
15	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Is that the only one you
16	need a spelling for, Michelle?
17	THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.
18	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Perfect. Thank you,
19	Mr. Sabanovic.
20	We can now proceed with the Division.
21	MR. JETTER: Good morning there it goes.
22	Justin Jetter with the Utah Attorney General's Office,
23	and I'm here today representing the Division of Public
24	Utilities.
25	And the Division will present three witnesses

1 today, beginning with Vana Venjimuri for the 09 docket, 2 and Jeff Einfeldt for the docket ending in the number 10, 3 and Eric Orton for the docket ending in number 11. 4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Can we have 5 Ms. Venjimuri spell her name for the record, please. 6 MS. VENJIMURI: Yeah, sure. My first name starts with B-H-A-V-A-N-A, and the last name is 7 V-E-N-J-I-M-U-R-I. 8 9 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you. Okay. 10 That's probably sufficient. Okay. 11 So, do we have anybody else on the line, any 12 other party? I don't believe so. 13 So, Ms. Clark, are you ready to call your first 14 witness? 15 MS. CLARK: I am. In Docket No. 21-057-09, the 16 Company calls Damir Sabanovic. 17 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Sabanovic, do you 18 swear to tell the truth? 19 THE WITNESS: I do. 20 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you. 21 22 DAMIR SABANOVIC, 23 was called as a witness, and having been first duly 24 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing 25 but the truth, testified as follows:

1		DIRECT EXAMINATION
2	BY MS. C	LARK:
3	Q.	Mr. Sabanovic, can you please state your full
4	name and	business address for the record.
5	Α.	Yes. My name is Damir Sabanovic, and my
6	business	address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake
7	City, Uta	ah.
8	Q.	What position do you hold with the Company?
9	A.	I'm a Regulatory Analyst III.
LO	Q.	And in this docket, the Company has filed an
L1	applicat:	ion with the Company Exhibits 1.1 through 1.3.
L2		Were those prepared by you or under your
L3	direction	n?
L4	A.	Yes, they were.
L5	Q.	And do you have any corrections to any of those
L6	document	s?
L7	A.	I do not.
L8		MS. CLARK: The Company moves for the admission
L9	of the a	oplication and Exhibits 1.1 through 1.3.
20		HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Any objection?
21		MR. JETTER: No objection. Thank you.
22		HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.
23	Thank you	ı.
24		MS. CLARK: Thank you.
25	0.	(BY MS. CLARK:) Mr. Sabanovic, can you please

summarize the relief the Company seeks in this docket.

A. Yes.

In this docket, the Company requests an adjustment to the transportation imbalance charge to appropriately collect costs associated with managing imbalanced dekatherms transported on the Company's distribution system.

The proposed imbalance charge reflects costs borne by the Company to manage NEC imbalanced dekatherms of transportation service customers divided by the imbalanced dekatherms over the 5 percent tolerance threshold.

The resulting imbalance rate of 7.58 cents is 1.5 percent lower than the previous transportation imbalance charge. This charge will only be applied to transportation service volumes that differ from nomination volumes by more than 5 percent.

The transportation imbalance charge continues to serve its intended purpose and is just, reasonable, and in the public interest. The Company requests approval of these interim rates effective June 1st, 2021.

Q. Thank you.

MS. CLARK: Mr. Sabanovic is available for cross-examination and Commission questions.

HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

1		Does Mr. Jetter have any cross questions for
2	Mr. Sabar	
	Mr. Sabar	10V1C?
3		MR. JETTER: I have no questions. Thank you.
4		HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.
5		And I don't have any questions for you
6	Mr. Sabar	novic. Thank you.
7		THE WITNESS: Thank you.
8		MS. CLARK: The Company has nothing further.
9		HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.
10		MS. CLARK: Related to this docket, I should
11	say.	
12		HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. All right.
13		Mr. Jetter, are you ready to call your first
14	witness i	in this docket?
15		MR. JETTER: Yes. The Division would like to
16	call and	have sworn in Ms. Venjimuri.
17		HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.
18		Ms. Venjimuri, can you or will you swear to
19	tell the	truth?
20		THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
21		HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.
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23		VANA VENJIMURI,
24	was calle	ed as a witness, and having been first duly
25	sworn to	tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing

but the truth, testified as follows: 1 2 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION 4 BY MR. JETTER: Good morning. Would you please state your name 5 0. and occupation for the record. 6 I am Vana Venjimuri. I am employed by the Utah 7 Α. Division of Public Utilities, State of Utah. My business 8 9 address is 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City. 10 Thank you. And in the course of your employment 0. 11 with the Division, have you had the opportunity to review 12 the application filed by Dominion Energy Utah in this 13 docket? 14 Yes, I did. Α. 15 Q. And did you create and cause to be filed with 16 the Commission an Action Request Response dated May 17th, 17 2021, in this docket? I think we might have lost Vana. 18 19 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Oh. 20 MR. JETTER: Or she's holding really still. 21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Yeah, she would be 22 really good at it. Okay. Well, I suppose we can pause 23 and wait until she returns. I'm hoping that will be 24 pretty soon. 25 MR. JETTER: Yeah. I think maybe let's just

1 give it a minute, if that's okay, and --2 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: 3 MR. JETTER: We might try to re log in or call 4 by phone. And if not, I may be able to have another witness adopt her work in this docket. 5 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Looks like she's back. 6 7 THE WITNESS: Sorry. I just lost my Internet I just got connected again. 8 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. 9 Thank you for 10 rejoining. 11 No problem. MR. JETTER: 12 0. (BY MR. JETTER:) If it's okay, I'll just pick 13 up where I left off. 14 I was asking you if you had created and caused to be filed with the Commission an Action Request 15 16 Response dated May 17th, 2021, in this docket? 17 Α. Yes, I did. And do the recommendations contained in that 18 0. 19 Action Request Response still accurately reflect the 20 Division's position in this docket? 21 Yes, it does. Α. 22 I'd like to just move at MR. JETTER: Okay. 23 this time to enter the document I've identified, the 24 Action Request Response, into the record of the docket --25 or excuse me, the record of the hearing.

1 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark, any 2 objection? 3 MS. CLARK: No objection. 4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. It's admitted. 5 Thank you, Mr. Jetter. 6 MR. JETTER: Thank you. (BY MR. JETTER:) And have you created -- or 7 Q. prepared, excuse me, prepared a brief statement 8 9 summarizing the Division's position? 10 Yes, I have. Α. 11 Please go ahead. Q. 12 Docket No. 21-057-09, or the transportation Α. 13 imbalance charge, was established to charge 14 transportation customers for the supplier non-gas services that are being used on the Company's natural gas 15 16 distribution system. The calculation of this rate is based on the 17 methodology approved in Docket No. 14-057-31, and it is 18 19 to be adjusted with each pass-through filing in the next 20 general rate case. 21 The proposed change represents a decrease from 22 7.69 cents per dekatherm to 7.575 cents per dekatherm, 23 and is calculated based on the actual volumes of 24 transportation customers for the 12 months ending March 25 31, 2021.

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             This rate applies to customers that are taking
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    service under the transportation rate schedules, and any
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    amount collected in the -- collected is credited to GS
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    customers through the 191 account. This rate does not
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    impact any transportation customers in any -- in the same
    way, and applies only if the customer nominations are
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    outside of the plus or minus 5 percent daily tolerance
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    limit.
            The transportation customers can minimize and
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    possibly avoid this charge through accurate daily gas
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    nominations.
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             The Division believes that the requested changes
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    are in the public interest and recommends that the
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    proposed rate be approved with an effective date of June
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    1st, 2021.
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             That concludes my summary. Thank you.
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             Thank you.
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             MR. JETTER: And I have no further questions for
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    Ms. Venjimuri. She is available for cross-examination or
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    questions from the Commission Hearing Officer.
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark, do you have
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    any questions for Ms. Venjimuri?
                         I have no questions. Thanks.
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             MS. CLARK:
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
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1 CROSS-EXAMINATION 2 BY HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: 3 Ms. Venjimuri, I just want to be clear that I'm Q. 4 understanding this correctly. 5 I thought that I had read in your response to the action request that these were proposed final rates. 6 But I just heard Mr. Sabanovic, I think, refer to the 7 8 request as an interim rate request. So can you clarify that for me? 9 10 Yeah. This would be an interim rate request Α. 11 because the credit flows through the 191 account, and the 12 Division believes that it is appropriate to approve the 13 changes to this rate on an interim basis until an order 14 for a 191 account has been completed. Okay. And then I also noticed that in the 15 0. 16 Division's filing, the Division redacted the proposed 17 rate and the percentage -- associated percentage

And I'm wondering, is there a reason why the DPU redacted those numbers?

decrease. And then I noticed that DEU did not.

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A. The data given from Dominion Energy was a confidential letter, so that's the reason we redacted that. So the calculations were based on the information which was confidential, so.

HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Right. Right. But I'm

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    not sure that the proposed rate was redacted from DEU's
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    application, or am I wrong?
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             Mr. Sabanovic, can you respond to that?
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    apologize that I'm now crossing over to you, but I just
    want to make sure that I'm clear on that.
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             MR. SAVANOVIC:
                             Oh, yeah.
                                        That's totally fine.
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    And I apologize if there's been any miscommunication.
             We did provide some information to the Division
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    that was confidential, but the information that seems to
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    have been redacted, that shouldn't -- I don't believe
    that should have been confidential. The information that
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    we provided that was confidential, I believe, relates to
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    something else. So, again, I apologize if there was a
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    miscommunication or an error somewhere along the line
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    there.
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: That's fine.
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    for clarifying that for me. I just wanted to make sure
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    that that was on the record.
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             Anyway, okay. Ms. Venjimuri, I don't think I
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    have any more questions for you in this docket. So,
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    thank you for your time.
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                             Thank you. Thank you so much.
             MS. VENJIMURI:
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
             Okay, Ms. Clark, shall we move on to your second
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    witness?
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1	MS. CLARK: Yeah. Thank you. In Docket
2	No. 21-057-10, the Company calls Jordan Stephenson.
3	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Stephenson, do you
4	swear to tell the truth?
5	THE WITNESS: Yes.
6	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.
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8	JORDAN STEPHENSON,
9	was called as a witness, and having been first duly
10	sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
11	but the truth, testified as follows:
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13	DIRECT EXAMINATION
14	BY MS. CLARK:
15	Q. Mr. Stephenson, can you please state your name
16	and business address for the record.
17	A. Yes. Jordan Stephenson, 333 South State, Salt
18	Lake City, Utah.
19	Q. And what position do you hold with the Company?
20	A. Manager of Regulation.
21	Q. Mr. Stephenson, in this docket the Company filed
22	an application with accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through
23	1.6.
24	Were those documents prepared by you or under
25	your direction?

1 Α. Yes. 2 And do you have any corrections to any of those 0. 3 documents today? 4 Α. No. The Company moves for the admission 5 MS. CLARK: 6 of the application and Exhibits 1.1 through 1.6. 7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you. Mr. Jetter, any objection? 8 9 MR. JETTER: No objections. Thank you. 10 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you. They're 11 admitted. 12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. 13 0. (BY MS. CLARK:) Mr. Stephenson, can you please 14 summarize for the Commission the relief the Company 15 seeks in this docket. 16 Yes. Α. 17 In this docket, the Company seeks to extend the Tax Surcredit 3 for 12 months beginning on June 1st, 18 19 2021, through May 31st of 2022, and to adjust the Tax 20 Surcredit 3 rate in order to amortize the difference 21 between actual EDIT, or excess deferred income tax, 22 incurred from January 1st, 2019, through March 1st, 2020, 23 and the amount amortized to customers through Tax 24 Surcredit 3. This extension of Tax Surcredit 3 results in a 25

1	70-cent increase to a typical customer's annual bill, or
2	10 percent.
3	The Tax Surcredit 3 extension and adjustment is
4	just, reasonable, and in the public interest. And the
5	Company requests it be approved with an effective date of
6	June 1st, 2021.
7	And this concludes my summary.
8	MS. CLARK: Mr. Stephenson is available for
9	cross-examination and Commission questions.
10	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.
11	Mr. Jetter, any questions?
12	MR. JETTER: No questions from the Division.
13	Thank you.
14	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.
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16	CROSS-EXAMINATION
17	BY HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
18	Q. Mr. Stephenson, I think I just have one
19	question.
20	In your filing, DEU proposes that the remaining
21	balance be reported to the DPU and that the remaining
22	debit/credit be included in the infrastructure rate
23	adjustment mechanism in the fall of 2022.
24	Does that sound familiar?
25	A. Yes.

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Will DEU identify this debit or credit
 1
        Q.
             Okay.
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    and provide the calculation in the infrastructure rate
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    adjustment mechanism filing?
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        Α.
             Yes, we would.
             Okay. If you can do that, that would be great.
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        Q.
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             And I think that's my only question.
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    for your time.
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        Α.
             Thank you.
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
                                      Mr. Jetter, are you
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    ready to call your witness?
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             MR. JETTER:
                                  Thank you.
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             The Division would like to call and have sworn
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    in Jeff Einfeldt.
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
                                      Good afternoon,
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    Mr. Einfeldt. Do you swear to tell the truth?
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             THE WITNESS:
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
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    sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
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    but the truth, testified as follows:
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DIRECT EXAMINATION 1 2 BY MR. JETTER: 3 Mr. Einfeldt, would you please state your name Q. 4 and occupation for the record. My name is Jeffrey S. Einfeldt. 5 I'm a utility technical consultant with the Division of Public 6 Utilities. 7 8 0. Thank you. 9 And in the course of your employment with the 10 Division, have you had the opportunity to review the 11 filing and the various data requests that were made 12 related to the docket that you're testifying about today? 13 Α. Yes, I have. 14 And did you create and cause to be prepared an 0. Action Request Response filed with the Commission in this 15 16 docket dated May 17th, 2021? 17 Α. Yes. 18 And are there any corrections or edits you'd 0. 19 like to make to that? 20 No. Α. 21 And does that still reflect your opinion on the Q. 22 approval of the application in this docket? 23 Yes, it does. Α. 24 Q. Okay. 25 MR. JETTER: I'd like to move at this time to

enter into the record of the hearing the Division of 1 2 Public Utilities Action Request Response dated May 17th, 3 2021. 4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark, any 5 objections? 6 MS. CLARK: No objection. 7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you. They are admitted. 8 (BY MR. JETTER:) Mr. Einfeldt, have you 9 0. 10 prepared a brief judgment summary of your position in this docket? 11 12 Α. Yes. 13 Please go ahead. Q. 14 Okay. The excess deferred income tax, or EDIT, at issue in this docket, Docket No. 21-057-10, originates 15 16 with the federal income tax law change passed by Congress 17 in December 2017, commonly referred to as the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act." 18 Dominion Energy Utah, or DEU, established Tax 19 20 Surcredit 3 as a mechanism to properly refund EDIT to 21 ratepayers. Tax Surcredit 3 has been adjusted during the 22 past few years to account for the changes in the EDIT 23 estimate and calculation. 24 The most recent adjustment was Docket 25 No. 20-057-06 to refund ratepayers' protected EDIT

estimates incurred during the period of January 1, 2019, 1 through March 1, 2020.

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The current tax surcredit is set to expire on May 31st, 2021, and resulted in an overpayment to ratepayers for EDIT of 1,097,748.

Rather than recover this overpayment all at once, Dominion recommends adjusting Tax Surcredit 3 to recover this overpayment over the next year from June 1, 2021, through May 31st, 2022. This proposed adjustment will result in an annual cost to the typical general service customer of 70 cents. Any remaining EDIT balance at May 31, 2022, will be calculated and accounted for through the infrastructure tracker account to ensure the proper amount is returned to ratepayers.

The Division spoke with DEU employees regarding the calculations and methods used to calculate the revised rate. The Division believes DEU's application to be in compliance with the spirit of the Commission's report and order from the most recent general rate case and believes the application to be just, reasonable, and in the public interest.

The Division recommends the Public Service Commission approve Dominion Energy Utah's proposed changes, updating and extending Tax Surcredit 3 and DEU's Utah Natural Gas Tariff 500.

1	If approved as proposed by the Company and
2	recommended by the Division, the updates to Surcredit 3
3	will be implemented through the new proposed rates, which
4	will run from June 1, 2021, through May 31st, 2022, with
5	any remaining balance to be applied to the infrastructure
6	tracker account.
7	This concludes my summary.
8	MR. JETTER: Thank you, Mr. Einfeldt. I have no
9	further questions, and Mr. Einfeldt is available for
10	cross-examination or questions from the Hearing Officer.
11	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.
12	Ms. Clark, any questions?
13	MS. CLARK: I have no questions. Thanks.
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15	CROSS-EXAMINATION
16	BY HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
17	Q. Mr. Einfeldt, I just want to make sure that I'm
18	clear. Is this, then, the last tax surcredit filing from
19	DEU that the Commission can expect?
20	A. That is my understanding, that it is this is
21	anticipated to be the last one.
22	If Congress changes, who knows in the future?
23	But as far as with regard to the tax law change in 2017,
24	I believe this is the last one to be anticipated.
25	There's anticipation that there will be a small balance

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at the end because we're working with estimates still
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    going forward. But the balance should be fairly small,
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    and we'll then go through the infrastructure tracker.
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        Q.
             And that balance can be either a debit or a
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    credit, correct?
        Α.
             That is correct.
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             Okay. I don't have any additional questions.
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        Q.
    Thank you, Mr. Einfeldt, for your time today.
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay, Ms. Clark, I
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    believe we're on to your third docket. Are you prepared
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    to call your witness?
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             MS. CLARK: I am.
                                 Thank you.
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             In Docket No. 21-057-11, the Company calls
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    Jessica Ipson.
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good afternoon,
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    Ms. Ipson. Do you swear to tell the truth?
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             THE WITNESS:
                           Yes.
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             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
                                      Okay.
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                         JESSICA IPSON,
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    but the truth, testified as follows:
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1		DIRECT EXAMINATION
2	BY MS. C	LARK:
3	Q.	Ms. Ipson, please state your full name and
4	business	address for the record.
5	Α.	Jessica L. Ipson. And the address is 333 South
6	State St	reet, Salt Lake City, Utah.
7	Q.	And what position do you hold with the Company?
8	A.	I'm a regulatory specialist.
9	Q.	Ms. Ipson, the Company filed an application with
10	accompan	ying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.9.
11		Were those documents prepared by you or under
12	your dire	ection?
13	Α.	Yes.
14	Q.	Do you have any corrections to any of those
15	document	s?
16	A.	I do have one.
17	Q.	Please describe it.
18	A.	On DEU Exhibit 1.5, page 1, line 2, column F,
19	the total	l should be \$55,598,586. The Division found a
20	formula	that should have been updated.
21		This change in number does not affect any rate
22	calculat	ion or any other number mentioned in the
23	applicat	ion.
24	Q.	And with that correction, Ms. Ipson, would you
25	adopt the	e contents of the document I've identified as

your testimony today?

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MS. CLARK: The Company moves for the admission of the application and Exhibits 1.1 through 1.9 with the described correction.

HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Jetter, any objection?

MR. JETTER: No objections. Thank you.

HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.

MS. CLARK: Thank you.

- Q. (BY MS. CLARK:) Ms. Ipson, can you please summarize the relief the Company seeks in this docket.
- 13 A. Yes.

In Pass-Through Docket No. 21-057-11, Dominion Energy Utah respectfully asks the Utah Public Service Commission for approval of \$507,059,809 in Utah gas cost coverage. This represents an overall increase of \$43,023,000.

The components of this increase are, first, an increase of \$37,358,000 in commodity costs; and second, an increase of \$5,666,000 in supplier non-gas costs.

The increases being proposed are largely caused by the Texas extreme weather event that occurred in February. This request includes an amortization of the commodity portion of the actual March 2021 undercollected

191 balance of \$55,598,586 by a 49.074 cent per dekatherm 1 2 debit surcharge. The RIN proceeds of \$66,845 were generated 3 4 through the Company's CNG stations, decreasing the NGV class commodity by a credit of 33.706 cents per 5 6 dekatherm. The Company is also requesting an amortization 7 of the undercollected SNG costs of \$5,372,883, which 8 9 leads to the debit amortization charges shown in Exhibit 10 1.5, page 6. 11 In addition, the Tax Reform Surcredit 4 will 12 conclude on May 31st, 2021, and it will be removed from 13 all rate schedules. 14 The cost of purchased gas was developed using 15 forecasted gas prices from both PIRA Energy Group and 16 Cambridge Energy Research Associates. If this 17 application is approved, a typical GS customer using 80 18 dekatherms per year would see an increase of \$30.08, or a 19 total annual increase of about 4.5 percent. 20 These rates are just, reasonable, and in the 21 public interest; therefore, we request the rates proposed 22 in commodity and SNG be allowed to go into effect on 23 June 1st, 2021. 24 0. Does that conclude your summary?

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Yes.

1 The Company has no more questions MS. CLARK: 2 for Ms. Ipson. She's available for cross-examination and 3 Commission questions. 4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you. 5 Mr. Jetter, any questions? MR. JETTER: I have no questions. 6 Thank you. 7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you. 8 9 CROSS-EXAMINATION 10 BY HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: 11 Ms. Ipson, I just have a couple, and I just want Q. 12 to make sure that I've got this correctly. 13 Do you have the application in front of you in 14 this docket? 15 Α. Yeah. 16 Okay. So I just want to make sure --0. 17 Α. Yes. Do you see that first reference to 18 0. Okav. 19 43 million? So, it says 43,023,360, and I think I heard 20 you testify -- and also if you look down further in that 21 first paragraph the number changes to 43,023,000. 22 Can you tell me which number is correct? Do you 23 see that \$43 million --24 Α. Yes, I do see that. So, it looks like that 25 first number is the correct number. And then that second

- 1 number listed of 43,023,000 is rounded.
 2 O. Okav. Okav. And so tell me.
 - Q. Okay. Okay. And so tell me, does that affect any of the numbers that are in the filing that --
 - A. No.

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- Q. -- do not include your correction?
- 6 A. No, it won't affect that.

So what -- the number that is not rounded would be the number that would be in the model. And for whatever reason, that second number listed, I did round that.

- Q. Okay. Okay. Perfect.
- And then just, once again, can you reference the corrected Exhibit 1.5. Did you say page 5, line 2?
- 14 A. So 1.5, page 1.
- 15 **Q. Page 1.**
- 16 A. Line 2, column F.
- Q. And then did you say -- can you repeat that corrected number? I have it here, but I just want to make sure it's
- 20 A. Okay. It should be \$55,598,586.
- 21 Q. Okay. Perfect. I've got that.
- I want to make sure that's the only thing I have for you. Those are all my questions. Thank you,
- 24 Ms. Ipson.
- 25 A. Thank you.

1	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.
2	MS. CLARK: Nothing further from the Company.
3	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you, Ms. Clark.
4	Mr. Jetter, are you ready to call your final
5	witness?
6	MR. JETTER: I am, thank you.
7	The Division would like to call and have sworn
8	in Eric Orton.
9	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Orton, do you swear
10	to tell the truth?
11	THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.
12	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.
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14	ERIC ORTON,
15	was called as a witness, and having been first duly
16	sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
17	but the truth, testified as follows:
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19	DIRECT EXAMINATION
20	BY MR. JETTER:
21	Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Orton. Would you please
22	state your name and occupation for the record.
23	A. My name is Eric Orton, that's O-R-T-O-N. I'm a
24	utility technical consultant for the Division of Public
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And in the course of your employment with the Division, have you had an opportunity to review the application filed by Dominion Energy Utah in this docket along with the various data request responses relevant to the docket you're testifying in today?

- A. Yes, I have.
- Q. And did you create and cause to be filed with the Commission an Action Request Response in this docket dated May 17th, 2021?
- A. To be accurate, I was on a team that created that document.
 - Q. Okay. Thank you.

Are you familiar with the information contained in that document?

- A. I am.
- Q. And is the information contained in that document an accurate representation of the Division's position in this docket?
- A. It is.
- Q. Thank you.

Were you participating in this hearing a few minutes ago when the Hearing Officer asked a witness from Dominion Energy about a rounding or discrepancy in the application filed in this docket?

A. I was here, yes.

Q. And I know it's been a very brief amount of time.

There was a \$360 difference between those two numbers. Do you know if that would make any changes to the Division's calculations or recommendation?

- A. It wouldn't.
- Q. Okay. Have you prepared a brief summary of the Division's position in this docket?
 - A. I have a brief summary, yes.
 - Q. Please go ahead.
- A. Thank you.
- The 191 pass-through filing asks for Commission approval to increase the commodity rate components by \$37.43 million and increase the supplier non-gas cost rate component by about \$5.7 million, for a total increase of just over 43 million.

Based on current rates, if the Commission approves the proposed change, the typical GS residential customer using 80 dekatherms per year will see an increase of \$30.08 in their annual bill, which represents an increase of 4.5 percent independent of any other change.

Regarding gas commodity costs, this filing is based on projected Utah gas costs of \$507 million --

\$507,059,809 for the forecast test year ending May 31, 1 2 The projected increase is due to an increase in 3 the amortization rate on the undercollected balance of 4 the 191 account. The balance is undercollected as a result of purchased gas at an extraordinarily high market 5 6 price caused by the severe weather events that occurred through parts of the country between February 13th and 7 February 17th, 2021. 8 As part of the March 31, 2021 -- as of March 31, 9 10 2021, the commodity portion of the 191 account is 55.598 million undercollected, and the proposed 11 12 amortization will help collect the balance over the 13 summer months even though gas usage is low during that 14 period. 15 Based on our preliminary review, it appears that 16 the Company took the appropriate actions to minimize the 17 impact of the high market prices and the associated 18 The Division will continue to impact to customers. 19 review these events and, if needed, could recommend 20 adjustment during the more detailed 191 audit process. 21 Regarding supplier non-gas costs, as is the 22 standard practice, the amortization of the over- or 23 undercollection of the supplier non-gas cost is 24 established annually in the spring pass-through filing. 25 The Company is projecting total supplier non-gas costs

for the test period of \$86.349 million for the forecasted 1 2 test year plus a 5.373 million amortization of the undercollected amount from the previous period, for a 3 4 total of 91.722 million. This undercollection from the previous year is due to actual sales volumes that were 5 6 lower than expected. Effect on a typical GS customer: 7 proposed rates for this filing is approved independently, 8 a typical GS residential customer will see an increase of 9 10 \$30.08 in their annual bill, or an increase of 11 4.5 percent. 12 To conclude, the Division recommends the 13 Commission approve the 191 pass-through application on an 14 interim basis with an effective date of June 1, 2021. At this point, the Division has determined that 15 16 the proposed rates are just, reasonable, and in the 17 public interest. The Company also filed Docket No. 21-057-09, 18 19 daily transportation imbalance charge, and Docket 20 No. 21-057-10, excess deferred income taxes 21 simultaneously. 22 If all three dockets are approved, the combined 23 change will increase a typical GS customer's annual bill 24 by \$33.38, or 4.99 percent. 25 The imbalance charge docket should be approved

1	on an interim basis, while the final approval of this
2	docket and the deferred income tax docket until I'm
3	sorry until the final approval of this docket.
4	And the deferred income tax docket does not need
5	an interim approval.
6	That's my summary. Thank you.
7	Q. Thank you, Mr. Orton.
8	MR. JETTER: I have no further questions, and
9	Mr. Orton is available for questions from the Commission
10	Hearing Officer and cross-examination.
11	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.
12	Ms. Clark, any questions?
13	MS. CLARK: I have no questions. Thanks.
14	HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.
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16	CROSS-EXAMINATION
17	BY HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:
18	Q. Mr. Orton, I just have one. And I don't recall,
19	but I think you might have been the witness in last
20	year's filing. And if you're not, I apologize.
21	But in our order last year, in Docket 20-057-14,
22	I believe, we directed DEU to evaluate other options to
23	add more transparency to how they were accounting for NGV
24	RIN credits. I'm not sure if you recall that, but that
25	was one of our goals and one of our directions that we

1 gave DEU at the time. 2 In your review of the application and how they 3 accounted for those in this application, did they 4 accomplish that goal? Did they -- is the accounting 5 method they chose more transparent than it was last year? Yes, it is more transparent. Is it as 6 transparent as we would hope? We're not certain yet. 7 But it is more transparent, and we're comfortable with 8 the level of transparency in their filing. 9 10 Okay. Well, thank you very much. I appreciate Ο. 11 your comment there. 12 So I am -- I would also ask you, then, as part 13 of -- as the Division to -- given your testimony, then, I 14 would like you -- we would like you to address the transparency issue, then, in your final recommendation 15 16 for final rates in this docket. I just want to make sure 17 that we get the information as transparently as possible. 18 And if you think there's a more transparent way, we 19 welcome your comments to that issue. 20 Thank you. We'll be glad to include that. Α. 21 Okay. I appreciate that. 0. 22 I don't believe I have any other questions. 23 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Does anybody else have 24 any questions or comments? 25 MS. CLARK: No. Thank you.

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                          Nothing further from the Division.
             MR. JETTER:
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    Thank you.
             HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Well, thank you,
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    everybody, for your time. And we recognize that we have
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    to issue an order very soon, and that will happen by
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             So with that, we're adjourned. Thanks a lot.
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3	State of Utah)
4	ss. County of Salt Lake)
5 6	I, Michelle Mallonee, a Registered Professional Reporter in and for the State of Utah, do hereby certify:
7	That the proceedings of said matter was reported by me in stenotype and thereafter transcribed into typewritten form;
9	That the same constitutes a true and correct transcription of said proceedings so taken and transcribed;
11	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 event thereof.
13 14	WITNESS MY HAND at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 4th day of June, 2021.
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