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5 Energy Utah to Change the)
6 Infrastructure Rate)
7 Adjustment)
8) Docket No. 21-057-26
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Good morning, everyone.
4 It is November 29th, 2021, and it is the date and time,
5 9:00, that was noticed for the hearing in the Application
6 of Dominion Energy Utah to change the infrastructure rate
7 adjustment in Docket No. 21-057-26.

8 My name is Yvonne Hogle, and I am the Public
9 Service Commission's designated presiding officer for
10 this hearing.

11 Let's take appearances for the record, please,
12 starting with the applicants. Just a minute. We can't
13 hear you.

14 MS. NELSON CLARK: Can you hear me now?

15 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Yes.

16 MS. NELSON CLARK: Excellent. Apologies. My
17 name is Jenniffer Clark. I am counsel for the Dominion
18 Energy, and I have with me representing the company Damir
19 Sabanovic.

20 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Good morning.
21 From the Division, please.

22 MR. JETTER: And good morning, I'm Justin Jetter
23 with the Utah Attorney General's office, and I'm here
24 today representing the Utah Division of Public Utilities.
25 And we have a few folks on the call today. Eric Orton, a

1 utility technical consultant for the Division, will be
2 the Division's witness. And I see Brenda Salter with the
3 Division is also on the call today, if we need to call
4 her for something.

5 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Great. Okay.

6 Why don't we start with the applicant. Are you
7 ready to call your witness?

8 MS. NELSON CLARK: Yes. The Company calls
9 Mr. Sabanovic.

10 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Good morning. Do you
11 swear to tell the truth?

12 THE WITNESS: Good morning. Yes, I do.

13 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

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15 DAMIR SABANOVIC,
16 was called as a witness, and having been first duly
17 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
18 but the truth, testified as follows:

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20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

22 **Q. Mr. Sabanovic, can you please state your full**
23 **name and business address for the record.**

24 A. Yes. My name is Damir Sabanovic, and my
25 business address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake

1 City, Utah.

2 Q. What position do you hold with the company?

3 A. I'm a Regulatory Analyst III.

4 Q. And in that capacity, did you prepare or cause
5 to be prepared the application in this matter and its
6 accompanying exhibits, DEU Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And do you adopt the contents of those documents
9 as your testimony today?

10 A. I do.

11 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company moves for the
12 admission of the application in this matter along with
13 its accompanying exhibits, DEU Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5.

14 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay.

15 Any objection from the Division?

16 MR. JETTER: No, no objection. Thank you.

17 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: They're admitted. Thank
18 you.

19 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

20 Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Mr. Sabanovic, can you
21 please summarize the relief the Company seeks in this
22 docket?

23 A. Yes. In Docket No. 21-057-26, the Company seeks
24 to adjust the infrastructure tracker replacement rate to
25 include (inaudible) related to replacement projects that

1 were in service as of November 1, 2021.

2 On November 1st, the Company made its first
3 infrastructure tracker filing of 2021. A month later, on
4 November 1st, the Company made its second infrastructure
5 tracker filing of the year that requested an incremental
6 2.49 million, for a total revenue requirement of
7 12.018 million.

8 A typical GS residential customer using 80
9 dekatherms per year will see an increase in their yearly
10 bills of \$1.98, or 0.26 percent. These changes are just,
11 reasonable, and in the public interest, and the Company
12 requests Commission approval of these interim rates with
13 an effective date of December 1, 2021.

14 And this concludes my summary.

15 **Q. Thank you, Mr. Sabanovic.**

16 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company's witness is
17 available for cross-examination and the Hearing Officer's
18 questions.

19 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

20 Division?

21 MR. JETTER: I couldn't quite hear you,
22 Ms. Hogle, but I'm guessing we're going to me, and I have
23 no questions.

24 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Thank you. Can
25 you hear me now?

1 MR. JETTER: Yeah, I can.

2 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay.

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4 EXAMINATION

5 BY HEARING OFFICER HOGLE:

6 Q. I just want to clarify the incremental revenue
7 requirement that you are seeking. I did hear the
8 typical -- the estimation of a typical GS residential
9 customer using 80 dekatherms per year will be a total
10 annual bill increase of \$1.98, or 26 percent. I'm less
11 certain about what you said the incremental revenue
12 requirement would be.

13 A. I'm sorry, you cut out a little there. Can you
14 repeat the question?

15 Q. I just wonder what the incremental revenue
16 requirement is that you're seeking in the application. I
17 just want to make sure that we're clear on that.

18 A. Yeah. So in the last tracker filing that we
19 made just about a month ago, the total revenue
20 requirement that the Company requested was 9.168 million.

21 And then this tracker filing, we are requesting
22 an incremental increase, so an increase to that
23 9.168 million, an increase of 2.849 million, for a total
24 of just over 12 million.

25 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. I didn't hear the

1 8 the last time, so okay, perfect.

2 A. Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: That is the only
4 question I have. Thank you.

5 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company has nothing more.

6 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Thank you.
7 The Division, please.

8 MR. JETTER: Thank you. The Division would like
9 to call and have sworn in Mr. Eric Orton.

10 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Mr. Orton, do you swear
11 to tell the truth?

12 THE WITNESS: I do.

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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. Mr. Orton, would you please just quickly state**
22 **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
25 Utilities.

1 Q. Thank you. And in the course of your employment
2 with the Division, have you had an opportunity to review
3 the application and all of the filings made by the
4 applicant utility in this docket?

5 A. I have.

6 Q. And did you create and cause to be filed with
7 the Commission a document labeled "Action Request
8 Response" that was filed on November 16th, 2021?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. And do you have any corrections or changes you'd
11 like to make to that?

12 A. Yes. I do, please. Give me just a minute to
13 find that. Sorry.

14 What I had in my Action Request Response that I
15 learned this morning is an inaccurate number, I had
16 \$9.169 million that was the last infrastructure revenue
17 requirement. And I learned this morning from
18 Mr. Sabanovic's testimony that that should have been
19 9.168. I'm looking for where I quote that in my
20 testimony right now.

21 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: I think it's on page 2.

22 MR. JETTER: Yeah, on page 2 it's the second
23 sentence into the paragraph under the heading
24 "Discussion."

25 THE WITNESS: Thank you. So that's what I

1 wanted to correct.

2 MR. SABANOVIC: If I may interject, I think
3 that's just a rounding thing right there, Eric, so I
4 don't know if it needs to be changed. If I read the full
5 number for the last tracker filing, it's 9,168,726. So
6 maybe I misspoke when I said 9.168. If we round up, it
7 is roughly 9.169 million, so.

8 THE WITNESS: Good. Thank you.

9 MR. SABANOVIC: Yeah.

10 THE WITNESS: I don't know, Mr. Jetter, if we
11 want to make that as a correction or not, then.

12 MR. JETTER: I suppose that's up to you as a
13 witness. I would recommend -- you know, I guess I would
14 recommend just leaving it as is. I think that -- well, I
15 can't testify here.

16 Q. (BY MR. JETTER:) Let me ask you, Eric: Is it
17 reasonable to -- well, let me rephrase that question.

18 Did you and the applicant work off of the same
19 set of numbers, and is this reasonably attributable to a
20 rounding error or a rounding correction?

21 A. We did. And this change would be a judgment
22 call of the rounding error -- or rounding estimate.

23 Q. Okay. And are you confident that the final
24 numbers that you've reached and the applicant have
25 reached are the same as a result of using the same

1 **complete base number without the rounding?**

2 A. I'm certain they are. We round these numbers
3 for the convenience of the memos and the hearing notes.
4 They're accurate as far as the application is concerned.

5 **Q. Okay. Thank you. I think that hopefully clears**
6 **that up.**

7 **Would you like to make any corrections or**
8 **changes -- sorry. Covered that.**

9 **Would you adopt your prefiled Action Request**
10 **Response as part of your testimony today?**

11 A. I would, yes.

12 **Q. And do you have a brief summary of that, of your**
13 **testimony?**

14 A. I do. Thank you.

15 **Q. Please go ahead.**

16 A. In this hearing, Dominion is seeking to collect
17 an additional \$2.849 million by increasing the
18 infrastructure rate adjustment in the distribution nongas
19 cost portion of several rate structures, as allowed in
20 Section 2.07 of its tariff. It proposes to implement
21 these increased rates effective December 1, 2021.

22 Dominion provided the amounts and dates of when
23 specific infrastructure investment was completed and
24 placed into service. The proposal represents a total
25 revenue requirement of \$12.018 million, or an incremental

1 revenue requirement increase of \$2.849 million from the
2 current revenue requirement of 9.618 million.

3 Dominion now proposes to collect in rates the
4 revenue requirement associated with the investment
5 amounts of the infrastructure investment closed from
6 January 2019 through October 2021.

7 This filing is also the first time the overspend
8 provision of the 2019 rate case has been used and, as
9 ordered, the amount overspent in 2020 has been deducted
10 from the total planned in-service balance.

11 If this application is approved, the typical GS
12 customer will see an annual increase of \$1.98 in their
13 bill, or 0.26 percent.

14 This application complies with past commission
15 orders. And the proposed tariff sheets, which were
16 attached, accurately reflect the proposed charges and
17 changes filed by Dominion.

18 The Division recommends the Commission approve
19 the proposed rates on an interim basis until the Division
20 can complete its audit review, at which time it will make
21 a final recommendation to the Commission.

22 That concludes my statement. Thank you.

23 Q. Thank you, Mr. Orton.

24 MR. JETTER: I have no further questions, and
25 Mr. Orton is available for cross-examination and

1 questions from the Commission.

2 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Thank you.

3 Any questions from DEU?

4 MS. NELSON CLARK: I don't have any questions,
5 thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Thank you. I
7 don't have any, either.

8 And unless anybody else has any comment or
9 concern or question, we will adjourn.

10 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

11 MR. JETTER: Nothing further for the Division.
12 Thank you.

13 HEARING OFFICER YOGLE: Okay. Thank you,
14 everybody. And we are aware that we need to issue an
15 order immediately, so we are working on it, and we will.
16 Thank you for your time.

17 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

18 MR. JETTER: Thank you.

19 (The matter concluded at 9:18 a.m.)
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CERTIFICATE

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3 State of Utah)
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4 County of Salt Lake)

5 I, Michelle Mallonee, a Registered
6 Professional Reporter in and for the State of Utah, do
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7 That the proceedings of said matter was
8 reported by me in stenotype and thereafter transcribed
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9 That the same constitutes a true and correct
10 transcription of said proceedings so taken and
transcribed;

11 I further certify that I am not of kin or
12 otherwise associated with any of the parties of said
cause of action, and that I am not interested in the
13 event thereof.

14 WITNESS MY HAND at Salt Lake City, Utah,
this 9th of December, 2021.

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