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## MEMORANDUM

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director

Artie Powell, Energy Section Manager

Carolyn Roll, Technical Consultant

Date: November 2, 2017

Re: **Dominion Energy Utah Low Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate Dockets  
Docket Nos. 12-057-11 and 13-057-10, plan to review for setting of final rates.**

### RECOMMENDATION (APPROVAL OF FINAL RATES)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviewed Dominion Energy Utah's (Dominion or Company) Low Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate calculations at the time of the filing of the above listed dockets. The rates were approved by the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) in the dockets listed above on an interim basis. An audit is not required for this rate. The Division requests that the Commission order that the interim rates in Dominion Energy Utah Low Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate dockets listed above be set as final rates.

### ISSUE

In Dominion dockets 12-057-11 and 13-057-10, the Commission has ordered approval of rates on an interim basis until such time that the Division completes an audit of the Low Income assistance rate account. This memorandum reports that the Division reviews the Low Income assistance account at the time of the filing and no audit is required.

## **DISCUSSION**

In the Report and Order dated July 29, 2010 in Docket 10-057-08, approving the Application of Questar Gas Company for a Tariff Change Implementing a Low-Income Assistance Program (Order), the Commission authorized Questar Gas to establish a balancing account, Account 191.8 of the Uniform System of Accounts, in which to record the debits and credits associated with the approved Low Income / Energy Assistance Program. Dockets Nos. 12-057-11 and 13-057-10 were made under the subsection Energy Assistance Fund in section §8.03 of the Tariff, which sets forth procedures for recovering the costs associated with the Low Income / Energy Assistance Fund by means of periodic adjustments to maintain the \$1.5 million target funding level. This information is reviewed and verified as correct by the Division each time the Company files an application to adjust the Low Income Assistance rates. No further audit procedures are required.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Division completed its review of the Low Income Assistance rates at the time of filing that were approved by the Commission on an interim basis in Docket Nos. 12-057-11 and 13-057-10. As a result of that review the Division recommends that the Commission set those interim rates as final rates. The Division now recommends that the Commission approve rates for the Low Income Assistance account on a final basis at the time of filing.

CC   Barrie McKay, Questar Gas Company  
      Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services  
      Service List