

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Application of Questar Gas Company for a Tariff Change and Adjustment to the Low Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate	<u>DOCKET NO. 12-057-11</u>
Application of Questar Gas Company for a Tariff Change and Adjustment to the Low Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate	<u>AND</u>
	<u>DOCKET NO. 13-057-10</u>
	<u>ORDER SETTING FINAL RATES</u>

ISSUED: December 12, 2017

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 10, 2012, the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) issued a Report and Order in Docket No. 12-057-11, approving Questar Gas Company's, now Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion), August 2, 2012 Low Income Assistance / Energy Assistance (LI/EA) rate application on an interim basis, pending the final results of the Division of Public Utilities' (DPU) audit. Also, on October 11, 2013, the PSC issued an Order Confirming Bench Rulings in Docket No. 13-057-10, approving Dominion's September 3, 2013 LI/EA application on an interim basis, pending the final results of the DPU's audit.

On November 2, 2017, in response to the PSC's October 3, 2017 action request, the DPU filed a memorandum (Memorandum) providing comments regarding its audits of Dominion's LI/EA rates for the above dockets. On November 8, 2017, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period providing interested parties the opportunity to file comments on the DPU's Memorandum on or before December 8, 2017. No party filed comments addressing the Memorandum.

THE DPU'S MEMORANDUM

According to the DPU, the “Energy Assistance Fund” subsection of Section § 8.03 of Dominion’s Utah Natural Gas Tariff sets forth procedures for recovering the costs associated with the Low Income / Energy Assistance Fund by means of periodic adjustments to maintain a \$1.5 million target funding level. Further, the DPU states “[t]his information is reviewed and verified as correct by the [DPU] each time [Dominion] files an application to adjust the Low Income Assistance rates. No further audit procedures are required.”¹ Accordingly, the DPU completed its reviews of LI/EA rates in the instant dockets prior to the PSC’s respective approval of the interim rates. In light, therefore, of those completed reviews, the DPU recommends the PSC set as final the interim rates in the above LI/EA dockets.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on the DPU’s comments and recommendations, and the absence of any objection, we find the interim rates we previously approved in the above LI/EA dockets and presented in Appendix A of this order are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Accordingly, we approve the rates as final.

ORDER

The interim LI/EA rates proposed by Dominion in Docket Nos. 12-057-11 and 13-057-10 are final.

¹ DPU Memorandum at 2.

DOCKET NOS. 12-057-11 and 13-057-10

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 12, 2017.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**APPENDIX A:
INTERIM AND APPROVED LI/EA RATES**

Docket No.	Block	Schedule	Interim LI/EA Rate per Dth	Approved LI/EA Rate per Dth
12-057-11	Winter 1,2 ²	GS-1	\$0.01515	\$0.01515
	Summer 1, 2	GS-1	\$0.01515	\$0.01515
	Winter 1, 2, 3 ³	FS	\$0.01491	\$0.01491
	Summer 1, 2, 3	FS	\$0.01491	\$0.01491
	N/A	NGV	\$0.02477	\$0.02477
	Block 1, 2, 3 ⁴	IS	\$0.00741	\$0.00741
	Block 1, 2, 3, 4 ⁵	FT-1	\$0.00033	\$0.00033
	N/A	MT	\$0.00190	\$0.00190
	Block 1, 2, 3, 4 ⁶	TS	\$0.00041	\$0.00041
	13-057-10	Winter 1, 2	GS-1	\$0.01419
Summer 1, 2		GS-1	\$0.01419	\$0.01419
Winter 1, 2, 3		FS	\$0.01174	\$0.01174
Summer 1, 2, 3		FS	\$0.01174	\$0.01174
N/A		NGV	\$0.02679	\$0.02679
Block 1, 2, 3		IS	\$0.00657	\$0.00657
Block 1, 2, 3, 4		FT-1	\$0.00019	\$0.00019
N/A		MT	\$0.00182	\$0.00182
Block 1, 2, 3, 4		TS	\$0.00046	\$0.00046

² Block 1 rates apply to first 45 decatherms (Dth); Block 2 rates apply to all over 45 Dth.

³ Block 1 rates apply to first 200 Dth; Block 2 rates apply to next 1,800 Dth; Block 3 rates apply to all over 2,000 Dth.

⁴ Block 1 rates apply to first 2,000 Dth; Block 2 rates apply to next 18,000 Dth; Block 3 rates apply to all over 20,000 Dth.

⁵ Block 1 rates apply to first 10,000 Dth; Block 2 rates apply to next 112,500 Dth; Block 3 rates apply to next 477,500 Dth; Block 4 rates apply to all over 600,000 Dth.

⁶ Block 1 rates apply to first 20,000 Dth; Block 2 rates apply to next 80,000 Dth; Block 3 rates apply to next 400,000 Dth; Block 4 rates apply to all over 500,000 Dth.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on December 12, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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