

Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge	<u>DOCKET NOS. 16-057-06, 16-057-14, 17-057-08, 17-057-21, 18-057-05, 18-057-13, 19-057-05, 19-057-19, 20-057-08, AND 20-057-15</u>
	<u>ORDER SETTING FINAL RATES</u>

ISSUED: July 2, 2021

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In November 2015, the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) issued an Order approving a Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge (TIC) in Docket No. 14-057-31 (“TIC Order”).¹ Since February 2016 Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) has assessed the TIC to customers taking service under the MT, TSI/TSF, and TBF rate schedules. Subsequently, DEU proposed adjustments to the TIC in Docket Nos. 16-057-06, 16-057-14, 17-057-08, 17-057-21, 18-057-05, 18-057-13, 19-057-05, 19-057-19, 20-057-08, and 20-057-15 (“TIC Dockets”), and the PSC approved the proposed TIC adjustments on an interim basis pending final review of the Division of Public Utilities’ (DPU) audits.

On April 7, 2021, the PSC requested DPU set a schedule to finish its audits and set final rates in each of the TIC Dockets. On April 26, 2021, DPU submitted comments (“Audit Report”) recommending that the interim TIC rates in the TIC Dockets become final. On April 27, 2021, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period, to which no party responded.

¹ See *In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Make Tariff Modifications to Charge Transportation Customers for Use of Supplier-Non-Gas Services*, Docket No. 14-057-31, Order issued November 9, 2015.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

In its Audit Report, DPU explains that since 2016 it has recommended approval of each TIC rate on an interim basis pending completion of its review of the TIC calculation and other information. DPU states “[s]ince these credits flow through the 191 [A]ccount,² [DPU] believes that it is appropriate to approve the change to this rate on an interim basis until an audit of the 191 [A]ccount has been completed.”^{3,4} DPU further states it has reviewed the calculations and information provided by DEU for each of the TIC Dockets, has identified no discrepancies, and asserts the rates are reasonable.

DPU states it has completed its audit of the 191 Account for 2016 and 2017 and recommends the interim TIC rates in Docket Nos. 16-057-06, 16-057-14, 17-057-08, and 17-057-21 be made final. DPU adds that while it has not completed its audits of the 191 Account for 2018, 2019, and 2020, it has completed its review of the credits and entries related to TICs in the 191 Account for those years and, therefore also recommends the interim TIC rates for the remaining dockets at issue be made final. DPU states that it will continue to review TIC entries in the 191 Account and report any issues it discovers to the PSC. DPU proposes that any necessary future adjustments would be made to the 191 Account instead of retroactively changing the TIC rate.

² A description of the 191 Account can be found in Section 2.06 of DEU’s Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 500.

³ Audit Report at 3.

⁴ DEU files the TIC semi-annually with the 191 Account filing and the charges collected from transportation customers who are outside of the allowed daily +/-5 percent threshold are credited to the Supplier Non-Gas (SNG) portion of the 191 Account.

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Based on our review of the Audit Report and there being no opposition filed, we accept DPU's recommendation to finalize TIC rates related to the DPU's audits of the 2016 and 2017 191 Account. Since DPU has not completed its full audit of the 191 Account for years 2018, 2019, and 2020, the PSC finds it is both reasonable and prudent to postpone finalizing the related TIC rates until the results of DPU's audits have been filed and reviewed. Based on reasons set forth above, we find the previously-ordered interim rates in Docket Nos. 16-057-06, 16-057-14, 17-057-08, and 17-057-21 are just, reasonable, and in the public interest.

ORDER

Accordingly, the interim rates set in Docket Nos. 16-057-06, 16-057-14, 17-057-08, and 17-057-21 are final.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 2, 2021.

/s/ Yvonne R. Hogle
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed July 2, 2021 as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
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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 30 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.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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