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STATUS REPORT UPDATE

To: Public Service Commission

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Date: December 29, 2017

Subject: Status Report Regarding the Findings of the Division's Investigation of the Letter Received on October 4, 2017.

In the Matter of Questar Gas Company's Infrastructure Replacement Infrastructure 2017 Annual Plan and Budget – 16-057-17.

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) take no action as yet regarding the correspondence from an anonymous source received October 4, 2017 (Letter) addressing Dominion Energy Utah's (Company) behavior connected with its Infrastructure Replacement Pilot Program (Tracker).

BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2017, the Commission received the Letter, which made allegations against individuals at the Company and its major contractor working on the Tracker. On October 25,

2017, the PSC provided the Letter to parties and on November 1, 2017, the Division filed a Motion for Temporary Protective Order based on the premise that “the presence of anonymous, uninvestigated claims in the public record threatens reputational harm to the utility, at least one prominent officer, and a third-party. It is in the public interest to maintain the allegations confidentially until the Division reports its investigatory findings.” The Commission determined, based on the Division’s concerns, to treat the Letter as highly confidential and as such the Letter has been removed from the Commission’s website. Included in the Division’s motion for Temporary Protective Order, it made the commitment to “provide a status report every thirty days until it files the report [of its investigation].”(Report) On November 30, 2017 the Division sent the Commission its initial status report. This is the Division’s second status report.

DISCUSSION

Since its inception, the Division has closely monitored the Tracker. The Division has spent many hours investigating the Tracker and addressing disagreements with the Company. The Division is thoroughly investigating the Letter’s allegations.

On November 7, 2017, the Division issued a set of Data Requests to the Company containing nine questions the purpose of which was to determine the extent of the facts available to substantiate the allegations made in the Letter. The Company has indicated its desire to cooperate. On December 1, 2017, the Division received the Company’s data request responses. The Division has carefully analyzed the Company’s responses and, on December 18, 2017, issued a second set of data requests. This inquiry is the Division’s effort to pursue certain of the Company’s responses for additional information that may be available. As of this date, the Division has not received the Data Request Responses from the second set of questions. The Division may have additional data requests after these responses are received. In addition to the Division’s investigation, the Company is conducting its own internal ethics investigation, which the Division will review following its completion.

CONCLUSION

The Letter outlined several allegations against the Company and some against specific individuals. The Division will continue to investigate these allegations and will provide an update to the Commission in 30 days. At the conclusion of its investigation, the Division will provide a final Report of its findings to the Commission. The Division's investigation is ongoing and the Division recommends that the Commission take no action at this time.

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