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## MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission of Utah  
From: Utah Division of Public Utilities  
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Date: November 6, 2017

Re: **Questar Gas Company 191 Pass-Through Rate Dockets Docket Nos. 08-057-23; 09-057-03; 09-057-12; 10-057-09; 10-057-17; 11-057-02; 11-057-08; 12-057-02; 12-057-08; 13-057-03; 13-057-07; 14-057-09; 14-057-22; 15-057-04; 15-057-11; 16-057-05; 16-057-09; and 17-057-07, plan to review for setting of final rates.**

### RECOMMENDATION (SCHEDULE FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL RATES)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviewed Dominion Energy Utah's (Questar Gas or Company) 191 Pass-Through 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 required before these rates are made final. The Commission has requested that the Division provide the plans and anticipated schedule to complete its reviews and make recommendations for setting final rates in each of the 191 Pass-Through dockets listed above. This memorandum is the Division's response to that Action Request.

## **ISSUE**

In Questar Gas dockets 08-057-23; 09-057-03; 09-057-12; 10-057-09; 10-057-17; 11-057-02; 11-057-08; 12-057-02; 12-057-08; 13-057-03; 13-057-07; 14-057-09; 14-057-22; 15-057-04; 15-057-11; 16-057-05; 16-057-09; and 17-057-07, the Commission has ordered approval of rates on an interim basis until such time that the Division completes an audit of the 191 Pass-Through rate account. This memorandum will report the proposed schedule for the Division to complete the audits through fiscal year 2017 and file reports with recommendations to the Commission.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Dominion Energy Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 400 (Tariff), Section 2.06, provides for pass-through applications to be filed “no less frequently than semi-annually.” The Commission has authorized Dominion Energy Utah to implement Account No. 191 of the Uniform System of Accounts to balance its gas costs with revenues. These filings were made under §2.06 of the current Tariff, pages 2-9 through 2-14, which sets forth procedures for recovering gas costs shown in Account No. 191 by means of periodic and special adjustments to rates and an annual amortization of that account. This information will be reviewed and verified by the Division in each fiscal year audit and reported to the Commission.

The audit reports for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 will be filed with the Commission by December 31, 2017. These audit reports will include recommendations for setting final rates in Docket Nos. 08-057-23; 09-057-03; 09-057-12; and 10-057-09. The audit reports for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 will be filed with the Commission by March 31, 2018. These audit reports will include recommendations for setting final rates in Docket Nos. 10-057-17; 11-057-02; 11-057-08; and 12-057-02. The audit reports for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 will be filed with the Commission by June 30, 2018. These audit reports will include recommendations for setting final rates in Docket Nos. 12-057-08; 13-057-03; 13-057-07; and 14-057-09. The audit reports for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 will be filed with the Commission by September 30, 2018. These audit reports will include recommendations for setting final rates in Docket Nos. 14-057-22; 15-057-04; 15-057-11; and 16-057-05. The audit report for fiscal year 2017 will be filed with the

Commission by December 31, 2018. This audit report will include recommendations for setting final rates in Docket Nos. 16-057-09; and 17-057-07.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Division proposes a schedule to complete the fiscal year audits of the 191 Pass-Through Account over the next 14 months. The Division will file reports with the Commission with recommendations to the Commission for setting final rates in each of the 191 Pass-Through dockets listed above. This schedule as proposed will bring the audit of the 191 Pass-Through Account current as recommended in Dominion Energy Utah Tariff.

CC     Barrie McKay, Dominion Energy Utah  
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