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In Re: DEU - Pass-Through and Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge

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3 Pass-Through Application of Dominion Docket No. 17-057-20
4 Energy Utah for an Adjustment in
5 Rates and Charges for Natural Gas
6 Service in Utah

7 Application of Dominion Energy Utah Docket No. 17-057-21
8 for an Adjustment to the Daily
9 Transportation Imbalance Charge

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 OFFICER REIF: Good morning. I'm
3 Melanie Reif, presiding officer for the Utah Public
4 Service Commission. Welcome. This morning, we'll
5 be hearing two matters this morning. The first
6 matter will be Docket No. 17-057-20. This is
7 entitled Pass-Through Application of Dominion Energy
8 Utah for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for
9 Natural Gas Service in Utah. After this matter is
10 heard, we'll hear Docket No. 17-057-21, Application
11 of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the
12 Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge. Let's start
13 by taking appearances, starting with the Company.

14 MS. CLARK: Thank you. I'm
15 Jenniffer Nelson Clark, counsel for the Company, and
16 I have with me Austin Summers and Kelly Mendenhall
17 as witnesses.

18 MS. SCHMID: Good morning.
19 Patricia E. Schmid with the Utah Attorney General's
20 Office, on behalf of the Utah Division of Public
21 Utilities. With me as the Division's witness is
22 Douglas Wheelwright.

23 MR. MOORE: Robert Moore with the
24 AG's Office representing the Office of Consumer
25 Services. With me is utility analyst,

1 Gavin Mangleson.

2 OFFICER REIF: Thank you. And
3 Ms. Clark, will you be leading off this morning?

4 MS. CLARK: I will. The Company
5 would call Mr. Summers to speak about the
6 Pass-Through Application in 17-057-20.

7 OFFICER REIF: Good morning,
8 Mr. Summers. Do you wish to testify from your
9 current location?

10 MR. SUMMERS: I'd be happy to go
11 wherever you like. I'm fine here.

12 AUSTIN SUMMERS,
13 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, was
14 examined and testified as follows:

15 BY MS. CLARK:

16 Q Could you please state your name and
17 business address for the record?

18 A My name is Austin Summers, and my business
19 address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City.

20 Q And what position do you hold with the
21 Company?

22 A I am the manager of regulatory affairs.

23 Q And was the application prepared by you or
24 under your direction?

25 A Yes.

1 **Q And would you adopt the contents of those**
2 **documents as your testimony today?**

3 A Yes, I would.

4 **Q Could you please summarize the relief the**
5 **Company seeks with this application?**

6 A Yes. In Pass-Through Docket
7 No. 17-057-20, Dominion Energy respectfully asks the
8 Utah Public Service Commission for approval of
9 \$567,733,990 in Utah gas cost coverage. This
10 represents an overall increase of \$24,570,000. The
11 components of the increase are: First, an increase
12 of \$22,466,000 in commodity costs; and, second, an
13 increase of \$2.1 million in supplier non-gas costs.

14 This request includes an amortization of
15 the commodity portion of the actual August 2017
16 undercollected 191 Account balance of \$15,300,719 by
17 13.552 cents per decatherm debit surcharge. I would
18 note that in that balance, there are costs that are
19 related to a recent audit of Wexpro costs that -- an
20 audit was done by the Division of Public Utilities
21 that resulted in an adjustment to the balance in the
22 191 Account in June. So those costs are included in
23 that balance as being amortized.

24 The Company is also requesting an
25 amortization of undercollected SNG costs. The SNG

1 balance is slightly under collected from expected
2 levels at the end of March 2017 by \$4.7 million,
3 which leads to the debt amortization charges that
4 are shown of Exhibit 1.6, page 3. The cost of
5 purchased gas in this pass-through was developed
6 using the forecasted gas prices from both PIRA
7 Energy Group and Cambridge Energy Research
8 Associates. If this application is approved, a
9 typical Utah GS customer using 80 decatherms per
10 year would see an increase of \$17.74 or a total
11 annual increase of about 2.55 percent. These rates
12 are just and reasonable and in the public interest,
13 and therefore we request that the rates proposed in
14 commodity and SNG rates be allowed to go into effect
15 November 1, 2017.

16 I should also note that the parties --
17 some of the parties in this case wanted more time to
18 review prudence related to a couple of the
19 contracts, and therefore the Company submitted a
20 stipulation, a motion for entry of scheduling order
21 on October 27th that would allow -- sets forth a
22 time frame for the parties to review those
23 contracts. And that concludes my summary. I'm
24 happy to answer questions.

25 MS. CLARK: The Company requests the

1 admission of the application in this matter along
2 with accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.10.

3 OFFICER REIF: Any objection? It's
4 admitted.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Mr. Summers
6 is available for further questions.

7 OFFICER REIF: Any questions from the
8 Division?

9 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

10 OFFICER REIF: From the Office?

11 MR. MOORE: No questions.

12 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Summers, just one
13 clarifying question for you. With respect to the
14 effective date that you requested of November 1,
15 2017, am I understanding you correctly that that is
16 for an interim rate?

17 MR. SUMMERS: That is correct.

18 OFFICER REIF: And then the
19 stipulation that you referenced, that is to address
20 the issue as the Division reviews it and as
21 testimony is given, and then as the matter is heard
22 by the Commission in the way of final rates,
23 correct?

24 MR. SUMMERS: That is correct. That
25 portion would become a permanent rate at that time.

1 OFFICER REIF: Okay.

2 MR. SUMMERS: The rest of the
3 pass-through -- just to clarify -- the rest of the
4 costs that are in the pass-through would still be
5 subject to audit by the Division, so it's just those
6 two contracts that we carved out.

7 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Ms. Clark, I do
8 have a clarifying question and I think it would
9 probably be better for you. Regarding the
10 stipulation, do you want to get into that now or do
11 you want to wait until after all the parties have
12 given their testimony?

13 MS. CLARK: I'm happy to answer
14 questions now. Either way is fine. I guess I'm not
15 sure what the nature of the question is so it's a
16 little hard for me to answer.

17 OFFICER REIF: On page 2 of the
18 stipulation, on the second line it says, "pending
19 the conclusion of this matter." Do you mean the
20 conclusion of this hearing or --

21 MS. CLARK: Yeah. By "this
22 matter" -- and I apologize for the ambiguity in the
23 words -- I think the intention is -- and I will let
24 the other parties confirm that this is their
25 understanding as well -- our intention is that rates

1 can go into effect, including the contracts, on an
2 interim basis. And then the schedule set forth in
3 the stipulation will occur, testimony will occur,
4 the Commission will make a determination and if at
5 that time an adjustment is appropriate, it will be
6 made prior to the rates becoming final. Does that
7 make sense?

8 OFFICER REIF: I think I understand
9 you. So what you're requesting at this point is
10 interim rates with an additional schedule --

11 MS. CLARK: Correct.

12 OFFICER REIF: -- addressing final
13 rates?

14 MS. CLARK: Correct.

15 OFFICER REIF: And just to clarify,
16 the interim rates are requested to go into effect on
17 November 1, 2017?

18 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

19 OFFICER REIF: Not at the conclusion
20 of today?

21 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

22 OFFICER REIF: Was there anything
23 else you wanted to add?

24 MS. CLARK: I don't think so. I
25 think we're ready to make our witness available for

1 further questions.

2 OFFICER REIF: Ms. Schmid.

3 MS. SCHMID: I have a clarifying
4 question and I'm not sure to whom it should be
5 directed, but perhaps Ms. Nelson Clark, if that's
6 all right. So the schedule set forth in the
7 stipulation pertains only to the Kern River contract
8 and the Dominion Energy Questar Pipeline contracts,
9 both of which are for peaking services. And it is
10 only issues related to those two contracts that
11 would be put forth with more detail pursuant to the
12 schedule; is that correct?

13 MS. CLARK: That is my understanding,
14 yes.

15 MS. SCHMID: And so everything else
16 would continue on its regular interim rate track.
17 And the Division also, if my understanding is
18 correct, could -- even if the determination of
19 prudence was resolved -- do its accounting, sort of,
20 audit on the Kern River and DEQP contracts to make
21 sure there was no transposition or they weren't
22 billed twice in one month; is that correct?

23 MS. CLARK: That's correct. And so
24 you'll have a couple of things happen, and I think
25 this is -- maybe not exactly in this order -- but at

1 the conclusion of the hearing today, the Company
2 would seek rates be approved effective November 1st
3 on an interim basis as filed, and that would include
4 these firm peaking contracts. We would proceed then
5 with the agreed-upon schedule to determine the
6 prudence of those contracts, and the Commission will
7 make a decision at the end of that time period. And
8 if they determine that the contracts are prudent, we
9 would expect those interim rates to remain during
10 this time. And probably for some period of time
11 thereafter, the Division is doing their accounting
12 audit to make sure, as Ms. Schmid pointed out,
13 nobody has been double billed, that the math is
14 correct, that all of the other charges you see
15 reflected in this proceeding are correct. Then they
16 would come back with their memorandum and we could
17 have final rates for everything.

18 The Company's intention is not to
19 deprive the Division of their audit process at all.
20 We simply wanted to set forth a schedule in order to
21 give everybody time to thoroughly review and discuss
22 the prudence issue. Does that help?

23 MS. SCHMID: That helps. Thank you.

24 OFFICER REIF: Ms. Schmid and
25 Ms. Clark, just for clarification, we're only

1 talking about the 20 docket right now, correct?

2 MS. SCHMID: Correct.

3 OFFICER REIF: And Ms. Schmid was
4 mentioning in a more specific nature the contracts
5 that will be examined through this latter process
6 that you have requested in the stipulation. That is
7 not spelled out in the stipulation. Do you -- to
8 the extent that it's not spelled out, do you wish to
9 enter into some sort of agreement today that
10 clarifies that issue for the Commission so that we
11 know exactly what you're going to be looking at?

12 MS. CLARK: Sure. I think -- and I
13 guess my request would be that we do that on the
14 record, that we don't require an additional writing.
15 And that is precisely the issue we took a few
16 moments at the beginning to talk about privately.

17 OFFICER REIF: Would you like to move
18 to amend the stipulation and then --

19 MS. CLARK: I'm happy to do that. I
20 have not discussed it with the other parties. If we
21 could take a brief recess and confer on that point?

22 OFFICER REIF: Sure.

23 (A brief recess was taken.)

24 OFFICER REIF: Ms. Clark.

25 MS. CLARK: Thank you. The parties

1 were able to confer during the recess, and I think
2 we agree that it's not really necessary to move to
3 amend the stipulation, but further explanation is
4 probably appropriate and helpful. And if I can turn
5 your attention to page 1 where the term "contracts"
6 is defined, we defined them as peak-hour service
7 contracts. There are only two. One is the Kern
8 River contract and one is the Questar Pipeline
9 contract. In entering into this stipulation, the
10 parties intended that the use of the term "contract"
11 refer to both. We do recognize that the Kern River
12 contract is at issue in the 09 docket currently, and
13 that the resolution of that docket could render that
14 piece moot in the 20 docket. We don't have that
15 decision yet, and the parties wanted to leave open
16 the opportunity to discuss it in the 20 docket,
17 should it not be resolved in the 09 docket.

18 So the parties' intention is that the
19 two existing firm peaking contracts will be at
20 issue. We all also recognize that one of them may
21 be rendered moot during the course of those
22 proceedings.

23 OFFICER REIF: Thank you,
24 Ms. Clark. Is that the Division and the Office's
25 understanding as well?

1 MS. SCHMID: It is consistent with
2 the Division's understanding. Thank you.

3 MR. MOORE: It is the Office's
4 understanding.

5 OFFICER REIF: Thank you very much.
6 I really do appreciate that. With that, I think
7 we're ready to move to the Division.

8 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division
9 would like to call its witness, Mr. Wheelwright.
10 May he please be sworn?

11 DOUGLAS D. WHEELWRIGHT,
12 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, was
13 examined and testified as follows:

14 BY MS. SCHMID:

15 **Q Please state your full name, employer,**
16 **title, and position for the record.**

17 A My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright. I'm a
18 technical consultant with the Division of Public
19 Utilities.

20 **Q Have you participated in Docket**
21 **No. 17-057-20 on behalf of the Division?**

22 A Yes, I have.

23 **Q Did you prepare or cause to be prepared**
24 **and filed, the comments from the Division submitted**
25 **to the Commission on October 23, 2017?**

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q Do you have any changes or updates to
3 those comments?

4 A No changes.

5 Q Do you adopt those comments as your
6 testimony today?

7 A Yes, I do.

8 Q Do you have a summary or other statements
9 you would like to make?

10 A Yes, I do.

11 Q Please proceed.

12 A Thank you. Docket No. 17-057-20, known as
13 the 191 Pass-Through Application, asks for
14 Commission approval for an increase of \$22.5 million
15 and a commodity component and a \$2.1 million
16 increase in the supplier non-gas component of
17 natural gas rates for a net increase of \$24.6
18 million.

19 The primary reason for the increase in the
20 commodity cost is due to an increase in the
21 amortization of the under-collected balance in the
22 191 Account. The under-collected amount, along with
23 a slight increase in the forecast price for
24 purchased gas, results in an increase in the
25 commodity cost of 20 cents per decatherm for the

1 test period.

2 The increase in the supplier non-gas
3 portion of the rate is primarily due to increases in
4 transportation and gathering costs. And the
5 Division's October 23, 2017, memo recommended that a
6 separate schedule be established to review these
7 transportation contracts. Since the Division memo
8 was filed, a revised schedule has been established
9 and a stipulated motion was filed with the
10 Commission on October 27, 2017.

11 The Division supports the revised
12 schedule, which will allow for additional discovery
13 and analysis of the peak hour contracts, along with
14 the assumptions and models that have been used to
15 calculate the peak day requirement. For the test
16 year, it anticipated that approximately 59 percent
17 of the total gas requirement will be satisfied from
18 the Wexpro cost of service gas production and the
19 remaining 41 percent purchased through existing and
20 future contracts along with spot market purchase
21 transactions. If this docket is approved, a typical
22 GS customer will see an increase in their annual
23 bill of \$17.74, or an increase of 2.55 percent. The
24 Division recommends that the proposed rate be
25 approved on an interim basis until a full audit of

1 the 191 Account can be completed.

2 As part of the audit of the 191 Account,
3 the Division hired Overland Consulting to review the
4 costs included in the Wexpro operator service fee.
5 The Overland report identified several specific
6 items, and the report was filed with the Commission
7 on June 29, 2016. Since that time, the parties have
8 met to discuss the issues raised within the report
9 as well as other related issues, and have agreed on
10 resolution of the outstanding issues.

11 On June 28, 2017, the parties signed a
12 Memorandum of Understanding to settle four specific
13 issues raised in the Overland report. These
14 adjustments total \$12.5 million and in June 2017,
15 the corresponding adjustment was made to the 191
16 Account balance. The Memorandum of Understanding
17 has addressed the issues identified in the Overland
18 report of the operator service fee for the
19 historical years 2004 through 2014, and no further
20 action related to the Overland report is necessary.

21 In addition to the Memorandum of
22 Understanding, two additional guideline letters have
23 been executed to address specific issues related to
24 oil revenue sharing and its said compensation, which
25 will clarify the treatment of these issues going

1 forward. The Division is currently working on its
2 own audit of the 191 Account for prior years and
3 will provide an estimated completion schedule to the
4 Commission under a separate memo. It is anticipated
5 that the prior year audits will be up to date within
6 the next 12 months.

7 In summary, the Division believes that the
8 requested changes are in the public interest and
9 recommends that the proposed rate changes be
10 approved on an interim basis with an effective date
11 of November 1st, 2017. The Division also supports
12 the revised schedule identified in the October 27,
13 2017, stipulated motion. That concludes my summary.

14 OFFICER REIF: Thank you,
15 Mr. Wheelwright. Any questions from the Company?

16 MS. SCHMID: If I may, the Division
17 would like to move to have its comments, filed
18 October 23, 2017, admitted.

19 OFFICER REIF: They are admitted.
20 Thank you. Pardon me for interrupting.

21 MS. CLARK: No questions. Thank you.

22 MR. MOORE: No questions.

23 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Wheelwright, I
24 have one question for you at this point, and it's
25 just a clarifying issue. I think it's simply a typo

1 on page 2. There's a reference to Docket 16-05-705.

2 Is that possibly --

3 MR. WHEELWRIGHT: Yes, that's an
4 error. It should be 17-05-720.

5 OFFICER REIF: Okay. That's all from
6 me. Mr. Moore?

7 MR. MOORE: The Office would like to
8 call and have sworn in Mr. Gavin Mangleson.

9 GAVIN MANGLESON,
10 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, was
11 examined and testified as follows:

12 BY MR. MOORE:

13 Q Will you please state your name, business
14 address, and work title?

15 A Gavin Mangleson. I work at 160 East 300
16 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, as a utility analyst
17 for the Office of Consumer Services.

18 Q Were you involved in the preparation of
19 the Office comments filed in Docket No. 17-057-20 on
20 October 23, 2017?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Are there any corrections that need to be
23 made at this time?

24 A No.

25 Q Do you adopt these comments as your

1 **testimony today?**

2 A Yes.

3 MR. MOORE: At this point, I would
4 like to move for the admission of the comments.

5 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?

6 MS. CLARK: No objection.

7 MS. SCHMID: No objection.

8 OFFICER REIF: They're admitted.

9 BY MR. MOORE:

10 **Q Would you please summarize the issues and**
11 **recommendations of the Office pertaining to this**
12 **docket?**

13 A Certainly. The Office requested in
14 comments that the Commission order a separate
15 schedule to review the peak hour transportation
16 contract with Dominion Energy Questar Pipeline, as
17 well as the peak hour capacity that this contract is
18 meant to satisfy. The Office supports the
19 stipulated motion for entry of the scheduling order
20 filed by Dominion in this docket on October 27,
21 2017, which allows for the submission of evidence
22 supporting both peak hour contracts.

23 **Q Does that complete your testimony?**

24 A Yes.

25 MR. MOORE: The witness is available

1 for questioning.

2 OFFICER REIF: Thank you. Any
3 questions from the Company?

4 MS. CLARK: No, thank you.

5 OFFICER REIF: Any questions from the
6 Division?

7 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

8 OFFICER REIF: I don't have a
9 question, but I do want to make a clarification for
10 the record at this point with respect to the
11 comments that have been filed by the Office in this
12 docket. There's a reference that the hearing
13 officer declined to establish a separate schedule in
14 this matter. I just want to clarify in case there
15 was a misunderstanding at that meeting that I, along
16 with my colleague, did leave the room so you could
17 discuss that issue, whereupon I came back to the
18 room offering to entertain such a schedule and was
19 informed that that issue would be brought up in
20 comments. So I regretted seeing that portrayal in
21 the comments that were filed and did want the public
22 record to be clear on that. And the Commission has
23 been and will continue to be respectful of your
24 requests and accommodating wherever we are able to.
25 So I wanted to make that clear.

1 MS. SCHMID: And if I may add
2 something to that, I was the participant at the
3 scheduling conference who did not agree to a
4 schedule while you were out of the room, and it was
5 not the decision of the Commission not to; it was
6 the decision of the parties not to present a
7 schedule at that time.

8 OFFICER REIF: Thank you, Ms. Schmid.
9 I want to make it very clear that we, as the
10 Commission, are very willing to accommodate you and
11 to the extent that you feel we haven't and that we
12 need to do so at the meeting itself, please bring
13 that to my attention. But I thought we were all on
14 the same page, and thank you for the additional
15 clarification.

16 So at this point, for Docket
17 No. 17-057-20, I don't think there are any further
18 questions. I believe we have the testimony that we
19 need to address an order in that docket. Ms. Clark,
20 do you have anything further before we move on to
21 the 21 docket?

22 MS. CLARK: I would reiterate that
23 the Company requests a bench ruling on the interim
24 portion of the rates.

25 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Why don't we do

1 that at the conclusion of both dockets, and if there
2 is anything further from you on 21 in that regard,
3 we can address both at the same time.

4 So let's move on now to Docket
5 No. 17-057-21, Application of Dominion Energy Utah
6 for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation
7 Imbalance Charge. We'll begin with the Company.

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you. The Company
9 calls Mr. Kelly Mendenhall.

10 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Mendenhall, good
11 morning. Would you like to testify where you are,
12 sir?

13 MR. MENDENHALL: I would love to.

14 KELLY B. MENDENHALL,
15 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, was
16 examined and testified as follows:

17 BY MS. CLARK:

18 **Q Mr. Mendenhall, would you state your full**
19 **name and business address for the record?**

20 A Yes. My name is Kelly B. Mendenhall, and
21 my business address is 333 South State Street, Salt
22 Lake City, Utah.

23 **Q And what is your title or position that**
24 **you hold with the Company?**

25 A I'm the director of regulatory pricing for

1 Dominion Energy Utah.

2 **Q Did you prepare the application and**
3 **accompanying Exhibits 1.1 and 1.2, or were they**
4 **prepared under your direction?**

5 A Yes, they were.

6 MS. CLARK: The Company would move
7 for the admission of the application and
8 accompanying Exhibits 1.1 and 1.2.

9 OFFICER REIF: Are there any
10 objections? Hearing none, they're admitted.

11 BY MS. CLARK:

12 **Q Mr. Mendenhall, would you summarize for**
13 **the Commission the relief the Company seeks with**
14 **this application?**

15 A In Docket No. 17-057-21, the Application
16 of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the
17 Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge, the Company
18 seeks to update the daily transportation imbalance
19 charge using the historical data for the 12 months
20 ending August 2017. This update is done pursuant to
21 paragraph 4J of the Utah Public Service Commission
22 Order dated November 9, 2015, in Docket
23 No. 14-057-31.

24 Based on the most recent historical data,
25 the Company is proposing to reduce the rate from

1 8.45 cents to 7.91 cents per decatherm. This rate
2 will apply to the TS, MT, and FT-1 rate schedules,
3 and the Company requests that these rates be made
4 effective on an interim basis beginning November 1,
5 2017. And that concludes my summary.

6 MS. CLARK: Mr. Mendenhall is
7 available for questions.

8 OFFICER REIF: Any questions from the
9 Division?

10 MS. SCHMID: No questions.

11 OFFICER REIF: Mr. Moore?

12 MR. MOORE: No questions.

13 OFFICER REIF: No questions from the
14 Commission.

15 MS. CLARK: The Company has nothing
16 further.

17 OFFICER REIF: Ms. Schmid.

18 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like
19 to call Mr. Wheelwright as its witness. As he was
20 sworn in the 20 docket, does he need to be sworn in
21 the 21 docket?

22 OFFICER REIF: Let's just be sure, so
23 let's go ahead and swear you in again.

24 DOUGLAS D. WHEELWRIGHT,
25 having been first duly sworn to tell the truth, was

1 examined and testified as follows:

2 BY MS. SCHMID:

3 Q Mr. Wheelwright, again, please briefly
4 describe your title, position, and business address
5 along with giving us your full name.

6 A My name is Douglas D. Wheelwright. I'm a
7 technical consultant with the Division of Public
8 Utilities. Business address is 160 East 300 South,
9 Salt Lake City.

10 Q Did you prepare or cause to be prepared
11 and filed, the Division's comments submitted and
12 filed into Commission on October 23, 2017?

13 A Yes, I did.

14 Q Do you have any changes or corrections to
15 those?

16 A No corrections.

17 Q Do you have a summary?

18 A Yes, I do.

19 Q Please proceed.

20 A Thank you. Docket No. 17-057-21, or the
21 Transportation Imbalance Charge, was established to
22 charge transportation customers for the supplier
23 non-gas services that are being used on the
24 Company's natural gas distribution system. The
25 calculation of this rate is based on a methodology

1 approved in Docket No. 14-057-31 and is to be
2 adjusted with each pass-through filing and in the
3 next general rate case. The proposed changes
4 represent a decrease from 8.457 cents per decatherm
5 to 7.919 cents per decatherm, and is calculated
6 based on the actual volumes of transportation
7 customers for the 12 months ending August 31, 2017.

8 This rate applies to transportation
9 customers that are taking service under the MT, TS,
10 and FT-1 rate schedules, and any amount collected
11 under this rate is credited to GS customers through
12 the 191 Account. This rate does not impact all
13 transportation customers in the same way, and
14 applies only if the customer's nominations are
15 outside of the plus or minus 5 percent daily
16 tolerance limit. Transportation customers can
17 minimize and possibly avoid this charge through
18 accurate daily gas nominations. This imbalance
19 charge has only been in place since February 2016,
20 and it does appear that the nominations for many
21 transportation customers have become more accurate
22 since this rate was imposed.

23 The Division believes that the requested
24 changes are in the public interest and recommend
25 that the proposed rates be approved on an interim

1 basis until a full audit of the 191 Account can be
2 completed. That concludes my summary.

3 MS. SCHMID: With that, the Division
4 would like to move for the admission of the
5 Division's October 23, 2017, comments as the
6 testimony of Mr. Wheelwright.

7 OFFICER REIF: Any objection?

8 MS. CLARK: No objection.

9 OFFICER REIF: They are admitted.

10 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

11 Mr. Wheelwright is now available for questioning.

12 OFFICER REIF: Any questions from the
13 Company?

14 MS. CLARK: No questions.

15 MR. MOORE: No questions.

16 OFFICER REIF: Thank you.

17 Mr. Wheelwright, thank you for your testimony. I
18 have no questions. Mr. Moore?

19 MR. MOORE: The Office does not have
20 a witness in this docket.

21 OFFICER REIF: Okay. And let me just
22 confirm -- the Office has not filed comments in this
23 docket either, right?

24 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

25 OFFICER REIF: Okay. Do you have a

1 position in this docket?

2 MR. MOORE: No, we don't.

3 OFFICER REIF: Are you opposing the
4 docket?

5 MR. MOORE: No, we are not.

6 OFFICER REIF: Very good. Ms. Clark?

7 MS. CLARK: The Company would move
8 for the approval of both applications in the 20 and
9 21 dockets with rates to be interim, and we would
10 seek a bench order.

11 OFFICER REIF: Okay. And, again, you
12 would like that effective November 1?

13 MS. CLARK: Yes.

14 OFFICER REIF: We'll be in recess for
15 a few minutes. And is there anything else that you
16 wish the Commission to take into consideration at
17 this time?

18 MS. CLARK: No, thank you.

19 (A brief recess was taken.)

20 OFFICER REIF: Thank you for that
21 brief recess, and we're back on the record. The
22 Commission is prepared to make a ruling on the
23 motion for an interim rate in both the 20 docket and
24 the 21 docket. And based on the applications and
25 the comments filed by the Commission and the Office

1 in the 20 docket --

2 MS. SCHMID: Pardon me. Did you mean
3 the Division?

4 OFFICER REIF: -- I'm sorry, yes, by
5 the Division -- and in the 20 and the 21 docket and
6 by the Office in the 20 docket, the Commission
7 approves rates in both Docket No. 17-057-20 and
8 Docket No. 17-057-21 on an interim basis, effective
9 November 1, 2017, pending the completion and review
10 of audits by the Division. This will be
11 memorialized in an order that will be forthcoming.
12 Thank you so much. Would you like a break before we
13 go into the next matter? This hearing is adjourned.

14 (The hearing concluded at 10:00 a.m.)

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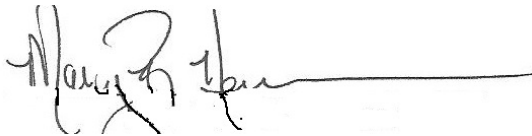
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