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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: **Public Service Commission**

From: Division of Public Utilities

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Date: May 26, 2017

Subject: Action Request Response and Comments regarding Docket No. 17-057-T02.

In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah to Modify its Tariff to Reflect Name Change

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) accept the tariff sheets filed by Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Company) on May 12, 2017 and make them effective on June 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND

On May 12, 2017, the Company submitted its Application to the Commission and attached its revised Tariff reflecting its new name. On May 12, 2017 the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division asking it to Review Application and Make Recommendations. On May

16, 2017 the Commission issued its Notice of Filing and Comment Period, with comments due May 26, 2017. This is the Division's Action Request Response and Comments.

DISCUSSION

On January 31, 2016 Dominion and Questar (Applicants) signed a merger agreement. On March 3, 2016 the Applicants petitioned the Commission for approval of the proposed merger. On August 22, 2016 the Commission held a hearing regarding the Settlement Stipulation (Stipulation) and heard testimony supporting the proposed stipulation. On September 14, 2016 the Commission issued its written order approving the stipulation, confirming its bench order and thereby the merger. On May 10, 2017 the Company's shareholders voted to change the name of the Company to "Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah".

One part of the Stipulation approved in the merger (paragraph 17) addresses the Company's requirement to "not seek any changes to existing filed rates, rules, regulation, and classifications under Questar Gas' Utah Natural Gas tariff No. 400 ("Tariff") because of the merger, before its next general rate case, except to revise the Tariff to change the name of the operating entity". This application is the Company's request to change its name on the Utah Tariff. No other changes were made to the tariff.

CONCLUSION

The Division finds that the Company has made the name change in its tariff as supported by its attached revised tariff sheets now called Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500, thus completing the intent of the stipulation. Therefore, the Division recommends the Commission accept the new tariff sheets as filed and make them effective June 1, 2017.

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