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### ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

**To: Public Service Commission** 

From: Division of Public Utilities

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Date: June 9, 2017

Subject: Action Request Response and Comments regarding Docket No. 17-057-T03.

In the Matter of Questar Gas Company's Filing to Comply with the PSC's Bench Order issued on May 31, 2017 in Docket No. 17-057-07, Pass-Through Application of Questar Gas Company for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah and 17-057-08, Application of Questar Gas for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge

#### 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, now Dominion Energy Utah (Company) on May 31, 2017 with an effective date of June 1, 2017.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On May 1, 2017, Questar Gas filed two applications to adjust rates in Utah. Docket No. 17-057-07, 191 Pass-Through Application and Docket No. 17-057-08, Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge included modified Tariff sheets under the Questar Gas Tariff No. 400. On May 12, 2017, Questar Gas filed an application for approval of the name change



from Questar Gas to Dominion Energy and a new Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500. The merger of Questar Corporation and Dominion Energy Resources was approved by the Commission on September 14, 2014 in Docket No. 16-057-01. Tariff No. 500 reflects the name change to Dominion Energy Utah and has an effective date of June 1, 2017. On May 31, 2017, the Commission issued a bench ruling for Dockets 17-057-07 and 17-057-08 approving the proposed rate changes for both Dockets on an interim basis. As part of the approval, the Company agreed to provide updated Tariff sheets to reflect the name change and the change to Tariff No. 500.

On May 31, 2017, the Company provided updated tariff sheets and Commission issued an Action Request to the Division. This memo is the Division's response to the Action Request.

#### **DISCUSSSION**

The Division has reviewed the revised tariff sheets as submitted by the Company. The only change in the revised tariff sheets reflect the change to Tariff 500 and the name change to Dominion Energy Utah. All other rates and charges are identical to the proposed rates as filed in the application. The proposed tariff sheets in Docket 17-057-08 that included language relating to the Peak Hour Charge have not been included in the updated tariff sheets and will be addressed as a separate issue in Docket No. 17-057-09.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Division finds that the Company has accurately filed updated tariff sheets to reflect the name change to Dominion Energy Utah under Tariff No. 500 and to incorporate the approved interim rates. The Division recommends the Commission accept the new tariff sheets as filed with an effective date of June 1, 2017.

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