

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF DOMINION)
ENERGY UTAH FOR APPROVAL)
OF A THIRD-PARTY BILLING)
RATE)

Docket No. 17-057-T04

APPLICATION

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APPLICATION
AND
EXHIBITS

June 1, 2017

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-4-1 *et seq.*, and Utah Administrative Code §§ R746-1-101 *et seq.* and R746-405-1 *et seq.*, Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy or the Company) respectfully submits this Application to the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) to modify the Company's Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500 (Tariff) to include Section 8.08, which details the manner in which Dominion Energy would charge third parties to place line items on Dominion Energy's utility bills. Dominion Energy respectfully requests that the Commission approve the addition of Section 8.08 to the Tariff, the proposed billing methodology, and the proposed on-going charge for the billing services, as more specifically set forth herein.

Dominion Energy proposes to charge third parties for billing services on the Dominion Energy utility bills for energy-related services. As more specifically set forth in the Direct Testimony of Judd E. Cook, attached as DEU Exhibit 1.0 and incorporated herein by this reference, Dominion Energy will offer these billing services only to qualifying entities authorized by the Utah Insurance Department to provide home protection warranty program services directly or indirectly related to utility services including programs related to electrical service, natural gas service, water service, sewer service or household appliances. Dominion Energy proposes to charge any third parties utilizing such billing services for all applicable start-up costs incurred in preparing systems and processes to conduct such billing services, as well as for ongoing costs incurred in offering such billing services.

Dominion Energy also proposes a methodology for calculating a per-line charge for those third parties who utilize Dominion Energy's utility bill. Specifically, Dominion Energy proposes to charge a per-bill, per-month rate, incorporating all costs associated with generating and mailing a bill. Dominion Energy proposes to charge third parties a minimum of \$0.15399 per bill per month for up to 11 lines on a bill, and an additional \$0.01400 per bill per month for each line utilized above the first 11 lines.

Dominion Energy believes that offering such services will be beneficial to its customers. Dominion Energy's processes also include a number of customer protections. Specifically Dominion Energy's processes would ensure that a customer's utility bill be paid first, before any payment is applied to the bill of a third party. Dominion Energy will not terminate utility service for failure to pay the third party portion of a bill. Utah Admin. Code R746-200-7(C)(2)(e). The proposed Tariff change does not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule and is consistent with applicable statutes, rules and orders.

Based upon the foregoing, the proposed Tariff changes and associated charges are just, reasonable and in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, Dominion Energy respectfully requests that the Commission:

- 1) Promptly set a date for a Scheduling Conference to set a schedule and hearing in this matter;
- 2) Enter an Order authorizing Dominion Energy to implement the proposed Tariff Section 8.08 effective July 1, 2017, in accordance with its rules and procedures, and the Company's Tariff; and
- 3) Approve the rates proposed.

DATED this 1st day of June 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 1st day of June 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application was served upon the following by electronic mail:

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