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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

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Date: August 29, 2018

Subject: Docket No. 17-057-22 and 18-057-02. Notice of Comment Period from the Commission to review and make recommendations. In the Matter of Dominion Energy Utah's 2018 ThermWise Builder Rebates Program and Market Transformation Program expenditures to date.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge the letter as meeting the requirement established by the Commission in Docket No. 09-057-15¹ and that no further action by the Commission is necessary.

¹ Commission Order, In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Fourth Year Budget for 2010 Demand-Side Management Programs and Market Transformation Initiative, Docket No. 09-057-15, January 12, 2010, p. 1.

ISSUE:

On July 27, 2018, Dominion Energy Utah (Company) filed with the Commission a letter reporting that in the month of May 2018 the 2018 Energy Efficiency (EE) ThermWise Builder Rebate program and Market Transformation program surpassed fifty percent of their respective budgets that were approved in Docket No. 17-057-22. On July 30, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Comment Period regarding this matter, with comments due on or before August 29, 2018.

DISCUSSION:

As explained in the letter submitted by the Company, the 2018 ThermWise Builder Rebate Program reached 56% of its 2018 budget by the end of May 2018 due in large part to higher than expected customer participation in the 95% efficiency furnace measure for both single and multi-family units. If this rate of spending continues through the remainder of 2018, the total spending in the Builder program is forecasted to be 100% of budget.

The 2018 Market Transformation Program reached 60% of its 2018 budget by the end of May 2018. The majority of the costs for the Market Transformation Program occur in the first and second quarter to coincide with the heating season. For the remainder of 2018, the total spending in the Market Transformation Program is forecasted to reach 100% of budget. If current trends for all programs continue, the Company forecasts that total program spending could reach \$23.8 million or 97% of the approved 2018 budget.

The Division believes that, based on the projections provided by the Company in their July 27, 2018 letter and accompanying Attachment 1, no further action by the Commission is needed at this time. Dominion Energy will continue to monitor customer participation and actual program spending compared to budget and report to the Division on a quarterly basis.

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