

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Dominion Energy Utah's Application for Approval of the 2018 Year Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative	<u>DOCKET NO. 17-057-22</u>
Dominion Energy Utah's Energy Efficiency Reports, 2018	<u>DOCKET NO. 18-057-02</u>
	<u>ORDER APPROVING DOMINION ENERGY UTAH'S BUILDER PROGRAM 2018 YEAR BUDGET INCREASE</u>

ISSUED: February 1, 2019

SYNOPSIS

The Public Service Commission of Utah ("PSC") approves Dominion Energy Utah's ("DEU") request for a budget increase in the 2018 ThermWise® Builder Program.

On December 11, 2018, pursuant to the January 16, 2007 order the PSC issued in Docket No. 05-057-T01 ("2007 Order"),¹ DEU filed a report on its Energy Efficiency Programs expenditures and decatherm savings to date ("Report"). Ordering paragraph 4 of the 2007 Order states:

Questar² shall report to the Commission when the amount spent for any program reaches ninety percent of the budgeted amount, along with an estimate of the projected spending needed for the remainder of the year. To the extent the projected spending exceeds the original budgeted amount Questar must seek Commission approval for the higher projected levels of spending.

The Report details DEU's 2018 actual and forecast expenditures through September 2018 for the various ThermWise® programs. Further, the Report states that actual spending for the

¹ See January 16, 2007 Order, *In the Matter of the Approval of the Conservation Enabling Tariff Adjustment Option and Accounting Orders*, Docket No. 05-057-T01.

² Questar is now doing business as Dominion Energy Utah.

Builder Program reached ninety percent (96.9%) of its 2018 budget of \$4.559 million at the end of September 2018. DEU forecasts spending for the Builder Program in 2018 will reach \$5.788 million, or 127 percent of the program's 2018 budget.³ According to DEU, the increased level of expenditures in the Builder Program is due in large part to higher than expected customer participation in certain furnace and wall measures and the increased participation will improve the overall Builder Program cost effectiveness. DEU requests approval for an increase of the Builder Program 2018 budget to \$5.788 million as forecast in the Report.

On January 9 and January 10, 2019, respectively, the Office of Consumer Services ("OCS") and the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") filed comments. Both the OCS and the DPU recommend the PSC approve the requested budget increase for the 2018 Builder Program. The OCS recommends the PSC approve the Report as satisfying the reporting requirements established in the 2007 Order, and the DPU recommends the PSC acknowledge the Report as satisfying the PSC's requirements established in Docket No. 09-057-15.⁴ No party filed reply comments or opposed DEU's request for the Builder Program's 2018 budget increase.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

Based upon DEU's Report, DEU's representation that the Builder Program's increased participation will improve its overall cost effectiveness, the recommendations of the DPU and the OCS, and there being no opposition, we find DEU's request to increase the Builder Program

³ See Report, Attachment 1.

⁴ See *In the Matter of the Application for Approval of Fourth Year Budget for 2010 Demand-Side Management Programs and Market Transformation Initiative* (Order, issued January 12, 2010); Docket No. 09-057-15. Ordering Paragraph 1 of this order states: "In addition to the current requirement that Questar report to the Commission when any DSM program reaches 90% of its budget, if any DSM program reaches fifty percent (50%) of its budget before June 2010 or eighty percent (80%) by August 2010, Questar must notify the Commission."

budget is in the public interest. Based upon the comments of the DPU and the OCS, we conclude DEU's Report complies with PSC orders.

ORDER

- 1) We approve DEU's requested \$5.788 million budget for the 2018 ThermWise® Builder program.
- 2) We acknowledge the Report as complying with reporting requirements identified in Docket Nos. 05-057-T01 and 09-057-15.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, February 1, 2019.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on February 1, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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