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## Questions for Technical Conference

**To:** Dominion Energy Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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**Re:** **Application of Dominion Energy Utah for Approval of Modifications to Tariff Section 7.07.** Docket No. 18-057-T05

1. Please explain and provide an example of the “negative carbon intensity score.” How is this score used?
2. Please provide additional information concerning the types of companies that are referred to as “obligated parties” that are required to include a certain amount of alternative fuels in their portfolio.
3. Please explain the Renewable Identification Number (RIN) credits. Who issues the RIN credits?
4. Please provide additional information on the value, method of exchange and market for RIN credits.
5. Please explain the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) credit incentive in California. Are there other states with similar standards?
6. Exhibit 1.3 identifies 68 landfill gas facilities located throughout the US and Canada that produce biomethane. In all 68 of the descriptions, the natural gas produced from these locations is delivered via pipeline to the end user in California. Please explain why the only market for RNG appears to be in California. Is there any other market or value for RNG or renewable credits outside of California?
7. If the only market is in California, should Utah biomethane producers send the gas to California as well?
8. Exhibit 1.4 identifies a decline in usage at the existing NGV stations over the last five years. Due to the reduced volume, the testimony at line 149 anticipates a higher DNG

rate in the future in order to cover the fixed costs of the stations. How much of an increase in the DNG rate for the NGV stations is anticipated if the volume of gas remains at the current level?

9. The testimony states that the anticipated special contract will be required to pay the DNG rate plus the current imbalance charges and administrative fees. Will the anticipated special contract use the current DNG rate identified in the tariff and will the DNG rate in the contract be adjusted when there are changes in the DNG rate in the future?
10. Please identify the individual fueling locations that will likely be used if both the tariff change and the anticipated special contract are approved by the Commission.
11. Please provide the monthly sales volume for the individual fueling locations that will likely be used. The monthly sales information should be in the same format as DEU Exhibit 1.4.
12. Please describe the types of fleet vehicles that will likely be included in the special contract.
13. Please provide additional information concerning the amount of time that it takes to fill a larger capacity fleet vehicle compared to the amount of time necessary to fill the typical NGV vehicles that are currently using the existing NGV stations.
14. With the additional larger capacity vehicles using the same fueling locations as the individual customers, is there concern with potential congestion or waiting times at the anticipated fueling locations?
15. Is there an option to sell some of the existing stations instead of allowing the special contract to use all of the existing infrastructure?