

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications	<u>DOCKET NO. 19-057-02</u>
	<u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: December 21, 2020

I. BACKGROUND

On February 25, 2020, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Report and Order (“Prior Order”) in this Docket, authorizing a distribution non-gas rate (DNG) revenue requirement increase of \$2,680,013 for Dominion Energy Utah (DEU).

The Prior Order provides: “[g]iven the absence of consensus on the preferred pace of transition to full cost-of-service rates for the TS and TBF classes, we exercise judgement in selecting both the schedule for and amount of the proposed step rate change. We find providing TS and TBF customers time to enter into or leave contracts before the transportation class’s rates are set to full class cost-of-service reasonable and in the public interest. Therefore, we conclude a three-step process, over approximately one and one-half years, will reasonably achieve this objective. The first step increase will occur on the rate effective date of this order; the second step will occur at the time of DEU’s Fall I[nfrastructure] T[racker] [IT] filing in 2020; and the third will occur at the time of DEU’s Fall IT filing in 2021.”¹

In accordance with the Prior Order and concurrent with its Fall IT filing, on November 25, 2020, DEU filed a Motion to Implement Step 2 Increase in Rates (“Motion”), which includes updates to its Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500, styled as “Legislative Tariff sheets,” attached as DEU Exhibit 1.01, and “Final Tariff sheets,” attached as DEU Exhibit 1.02 (“DEU Motion”).

¹ Prior Order, at 38.

DEU states that it proposes Step 2 changes to the “base DNG rates of the GS, FS, NGV, TBF, and TSF/TSI rate classes according to the rates established on table 8 of the [Prior] Order, as well as changes to the Conservation Enabling Tariff (CET) monthly allowed revenue amounts according to the rates established on table 9 of the [Prior] Order.”² DEU further states that “[t]he annualized consolidated change in rates calculated in this Motion is a 0.32% decrease, or a decrease of \$2.16 per year for a typical GS residential customer using 80 dekatherms per year.”³

Subsequently, the PSC issued an Action Request, as amended (“Action Request”), to the Division of Public Utilities (DPU), requesting DPU investigate and make a recommendation regarding the DEU Motion. Consistent with our Action Request and in accordance with the deadline for responses to motions under our Rule R746-1-301, DPU responded to the DEU Motion on December 4, 2020 (“DPU Response”). No other party responded to the motion or replied to DPU’s Response.

II. DPU RECOMMENDATION

The DPU Response recommends approval of DEU’s updated Final Tariff sheets, indicating that they represent Step 2 rate changes the PSC ordered in the Prior Order. According to DPU, it reviewed the DEU Motion, the Legislative Tariff sheets, as well as the Final Tariff sheets and “checked the rates . . . with the [PSC’s] figures in tables 8, and 9 in [the Prior] Order and [has] found the rates and charges from the [PSC’s] tables match the filed tariff sheets. [DEU’s] tariff sheets accurately reflect the [PSC’s] directives.”⁴ DPU further states that “[t]he

² DEU Motion, at 2.

³ *Id.*

⁴ DPU Response, at 3.

result of [the] proposed changes in rates is a 0.32% decrease, or a decrease of \$2.16 per year for a typical GS residential customer”⁵

III. ORDER

Based on the Prior Order, the DEU Motion, and DPU’s review and recommendation in the DPU Response, we find DEU complied with the Prior Order, and its Final Tariff sheets reflect the Step 2 rate increase as approved in our Prior Order. We therefore approve the Step 2 rate increase as reflected in the updated Final Tariff sheets, attached as DEU Exhibit 1.02, submitted with the DEU Motion, effective December 31, 2020.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 21, 2020.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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⁵ *Id.*

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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of this 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 does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 30 days after the filing of the request, 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 §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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