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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE INFORMATIONAL FILING OF DOMINION ENERGY UTAH CONCERNING THE TRANSPONDER REPLACEMENT PROGRESS REPORT	Docket No. 19-057-25  DOMINION ENERGY UTAH'S REPLY COMMENTS
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Pursuant to the Notice of Filing and Comment Period issued on May 14, 2021 in the above-referenced docket, Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy or Company) respectfully submits these reply comments to the Utah Division of Public Utilities' (Division) Action Request Response, filed on June 8, 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

On December 10, 2019 the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Settlement Stipulation filed on November 14, 2019 in this docket. Order Approving Settlement Stipulation, December 10, 2019, Docket No. 19-057-25 (Order). The referenced Settlement Stipulation provides that the Company will "provide quarterly updates about the status of the transponder replacement program and the extent of the estimated meter reads on its system." Settlement Stipulation ¶ 9, November 14, 2019, Docket No. 19-057-25 (Settlement Stipulation). The Settlement Stipulation further provides that at the completion of the transponder replacement program, the Company

will “file a final status report with the Commission notifying the Commission and Parties that the program is complete.” *Id.* On May 12, 2021, the Company submitted its final Transponder Replacement Progress Report. On May 14, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period permitting any interested party to comment upon the final Transponder Replacement Progress Report, and reply comments to be filed on or before June 28, 2020. The Commission concurrently issued an Action Request to the Division, requesting that the Division review the report for compliance and make recommendations. On June 8, 2021, the Division filed an Action Request Response. The Company provides these reply comments in response to the Division’s Action Request Response.

### **DISCUSSION**


In the Action Request Response, the Division recognized that the Company has substantially complied with the Commission’s Order, and that the transponder replacement program is substantially complete. The Division recommended no action be taken by the Commission. However, the Division recommended that the Company notify the Commission when the final 838 transponders have been replaced and when there are no estimated meter reads exceeding two months. The Company agrees with this recommendation. The Company notes that, as shown in the attached DEU Exhibit 1, there are presently no estimated meter reads exceeding two months because those previously-nonresponsive transponders have already been replaced. The Company will notify the Commission when the remaining transponders have been replaced.

**CONCLUSION**

Company agrees with the Division that the Commission need take no action at this time relating to the transponder replacement program progress reports. The Company will provide the Commission with notice when the remaining transponders have been replaced.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of June, 2021.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of Dominion Energy Utah’s Reply

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**Estimates**

Months	2020					2021							
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1	2021	1600	1808	2621	1484	1051	1308	1192	1298	697	271	305	184
2	879	745	525	417	649	207	258	308	163	133	40	23	32
3	336	471	110	141	148	110	86	116	47	50	2		
4	567	154	59	34	70	31	48	31	13	12	1		
5	1306	138	29	6	5	16	13	5	5	1	1		
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