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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: July 20, 2020

Re: **Docket Nos. 19-057-28 & 19-057-30**, Compliance with the Report and Order in Docket Nos. 19-057-02 and 13-057-05 Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Mechanism

Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Change the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment AND Dominion Energy Utah's Replacement Infrastructure 2020 Annual Plan and Budget

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge Dominion Energy Utah's (Dominion) filing as compliant with Commission orders.

Issue

In compliance with the Commission's order in Docket Nos. 19-057-02 and 13-057-05, Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Mechanism, Dominion filed a cover letter with several confidential attachments: 1) The High Pressure (HP) Feeder Line Master List (HP Master List), 2) The current HP Feeder Line replacement schedule (HP Schedule), 3) The Intermediate High Pressure (IHP) belt line Master List (IHP Master List) and 4) The current IHP belt line replacement schedule (IHP Schedule).

Background

In the final order in Docket No. 13-057-05, the Commission adopted the terms of the Settlement Stipulation. Paragraph 22.b of that stipulation outlines the infrastructure tracker filing requirements which are due in April of each year. This reporting is intended to provide regulators with an updated Master List of all HP pipelines in its system, including new construction and replacement work.

In Docket No. 19-057-02 Dominion requested to move the due date back a few months and the Division did not object. In its final order the Commission stated, “we find and conclude resetting the required ITP reporting date for DEU’s master lists from April 30 to June 30 will not impact ratepayers and will improve the ability of regulators to evaluate the program; therefore, we approve DEU’s proposal.” The lists are now due on June 30 of each year.

On June 30, 2020 Dominion filed its current master lists and replacement schedules stating that this filing complied with the Report and Order in Docket Nos. 19-057-02 and 13-057-05 pertaining to the Infrastructure Rate Adjustment Mechanism. On July 1, 2020 the Commission issued its Action Request to the Division directing it to review the filing for compliance and make recommendations. This is the Division’s review and recommendation.

Discussion

The Division reviewed the master lists and schedules as required by the Commission and find that they are the Master Lists as Dominion represented them to be. The Division recognizes these lists contain some updated information regarding the pipes and are essentially the same as the ones originally filed when the infrastructure replacement program began and as such it appears that the program is proceeding as designed and agreed to.

Effect on a typical GS Customer

This filing is not requesting any change in Dominion’s current rates.

Conclusion

The letter and attachments Dominion filed with the Commission on June 30, 2020 complies with paragraph 22 b of the Partial Settlement Stipulation contained within the Commission's order in Docket No. 13-057-05 and was filed on time as required in Docket No. 19-057-02. The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the filing as compliant.

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