
Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance	<u>DOCKET NO. 19-057-29</u> <u>ORDER SETTING FINAL RATE</u>
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ISSUED: July 16, 2020

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 1, 2019, Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) filed an application (“Application”) with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) requesting approval to amortize the balance of its Energy Efficiency (EE) Account, No. 182.4. The Application proposes to increase the energy efficiency amortization rate applicable to DEU’s General Service (GS) rate schedule from \$0.25373 to \$0.26120 per decatherm. The Application includes all of DEU’s deferred expenses accounting records for each EE program for the August 2018 through September 2019 period (“Review Period”) ¹ and DEU’s forecast EE account balance through December 2020.

On November 13, 2019, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) recommended the PSC approve the Application on an interim basis, effective December 1, 2019. On November 27, 2019, the PSC issued an order approving DEU’s proposed EE amortization rate, effective December 1, 2019, on an interim basis, pending the final results of the DPU’s audit of DEU’s EE program expenditures (“Audit Report”).

On May 27, 2020, the DPU filed the Audit Report and on May 29, 2020, we issued a notice of filing and comment period and no comments were filed.

¹ Consistent with our direction in our Order Approving Settlement Stipulation, Docket No. 05-057-T01, issued October 5, 2006.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

In its Audit Report, DPU explains that its review consisted of verifying a sampling of 100 energy efficiency expenditures listed in the Energy Efficiency Program Expenditure Report provided by DEU.² DPU requested “documentation, invoices, and/or schedules to support the transactions reviewed”³ and identified eleven transactions for \$20,833.33 each, totaling \$229,166.65, that DEU improperly recorded to its Weatherization program.⁴ The Audit Report explains that DEU “identified the classification error and processed a journal entry removing the amount of \$229,166.65 from the Weatherization program,” and that the “adjustment was completed prior to calculating the amortization rate.”⁵

The Audit Report further describes three complaints concerning rebate processing time. DPU examined the individual complaints and concluded that “[o]f the nearly 80,000 applications for rebates, [DEU] had three complaints which is commendable.”⁶

DPU stated that, with the classification error corrected, the “actual energy efficiency expenditures through July 31, 2019 as presented in ... Docket No. 19-057-29, Exhibit 1.2, page 2 of 2 appear to be correct as stated” and recommended that the PSC “approve the amortization rate for energy efficiency of \$0.26120 on a permanent basis.”⁷

Based on our review of the Audit Report and DPU’s recommendation therein and on DEU’s comments and accounting entry adjustments, and there being no opposition filed during

² DPU’s Audit of DEU’s Energy Efficiency Program Expenditures at 2-3, filed May 27, 2020.

³ *Id.* at 3.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* at 4.

⁷ *Id.*

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the comment period nor any objection regarding the prudence of any EE program expenditure within the Review Period, we find that the EE amortization rate of \$0.26120 per decatherm is supported by the evidence, and is just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

ORDER

Accordingly, we approve the Energy Efficiency amortization rate of \$0.26120 per decatherm as final.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 16, 2020.

/s/ Yvonne R. Hogle
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed July 16, 2020 as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, 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 July 16, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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