
Application of Dominion Energy Utah for Approval of a Natural Gas Clean Air Project and Funding for the Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center	<u>DOCKET NO. 19-057-33</u>
	<u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: August 14, 2023

BACKGROUND

On June 20, 2023, Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) filed the Annual Report on 2022 Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (“STEP Report”) with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC). The STEP Report was filed pursuant to the requirements in the PSC’s August 31, 2020 Order Approving Settlement Stipulation in Docket No. 19-057-33 (“Order”) and states that the annual report format will be agreed to by DEU, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU), and the Office of Consumer Services (OCS). The STEP Report summarizes potential energy efficiency and clean air benefits as a result of the program, University of Utah’s Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center (IIAC) STEP expenditures, estimated energy efficiency project payback periods, and businesses who participated in the assessments.

On July 20, 2023, DPU filed comments recommending the PSC acknowledge the STEP Report (“DPU Comments”). DPU states DEU filed the STEP Report in compliance with the Order. DPU recognizes that the IIAC performed the required 20 energy efficiency assessments and 40 clean air assessments, noting the STEP Report provides specific details on these assessments. DPU also comments that DEU has

provided informal quarterly status updates since March 2021, which have been informative and complement the 2022 STEP Report.

DPU further states that Table 7 the STEP Report displays that 45 percent of assessment recommendations are being pursued by companies participating in the IIAC program. DPU believes the 45 percent participation rate is not high enough to justify the expenses,¹ but acknowledges that the IIAC program and related expenses were previously approved.

On August 4, 2023, DEU responded to DPU's comments (the "DEU Reply Comments") and agrees with DPU's recommendation of acknowledging the STEP Report. DEU also commits to continue to include all of the data and information used to create the tables and illustrations listed in the STEP Report in Excel format, and the Excel exhibits containing the formulas used for calculating revenues generated by tariff surcharges, expenses, carrying charges, and the account balance in the final annual report.

DEU disagrees with DPU's belief that a 45 percent participation rate in the IIAC program does not justify expenditures therein, noting national statistics of federally-funded Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) programs would suggest otherwise. Specifically, DEU explains that national IAC programs had an average implementation rate of 49.9 percent from 1981 through 2022. It then concludes that an implementation

¹ See DPU Comments, at 5.

rate of 45 percent after only 300 days demonstrates the program's success, and would (with more time), meet or exceed the IAC implementation rate.²

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

The PSC finds that DEU's commitment to continue to include DPU's requested data and information in future annual reports complies with the Order requiring agreement among DEU, DPU, and OCS on the report's format and contents.

Based on these findings, the PSC's review of the STEP Report, DPU's comments and recommendation, DEU's reply comments, and the absence of any opposition, the PSC concludes that the STEP Report complies with the Order.

ORDER

We acknowledge the STEP Report complies with the Order and approve DEU's commitment to include the additional data and information requested by DPU in future annual reports.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 14, 2023.

/s/ John E. Delaney
Presiding Officer

² See DEU Reply Comments, at 2-3.

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Approved and confirmed August 14, 2023 as the Order of the Public Service
Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ John S. Harvey, Ph.D., Commissioner

Attest:

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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 30 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 August 14, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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