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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 11, 2024

**Re:** **Docket No. 19-057-T04**, Enbridge Gas Utah's GreenTherm Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2023: Application of Enbridge Gas Utah for the Creation of a Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Program.

## Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") reviewed Enbridge Gas Utah's ("Enbridge or Company") GreenTherm Annual Report ("Report") for the year ending December 31, 2023, and determined it contains the required information listed in the Order issued on July 30, 2019 ("Order"). Therefore, the Division recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") acknowledge the Report.

## Background

Dominion Energy Utah (recently acquired by Enbridge) submitted its original application on March 29, 2019, seeking to create the GreenTherm program which would allow ratepayers the opportunity to purchase Renewable Natural Gas ("RNG") credits. The Division initially opposed the GreenTherm program but supported a settlement agreement after working with the Company and other parties. As part of the agreement, the utility agreed to file annual reports describing the status of the GreenTherm program.

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The Company filed the fourth annual Report on June 28, 2024, for the year ending December 2023. On July 1, 2024, the Commission issued an Action Request directing the Division to review the Report for tariff compliance, with a due date of July 29, 2024. On July 3, 2024, the Commission issued its Notice of Comment and Filing Period stating that initial comments are on or before August 2, 2024, with Reply comments due by August 19, 2024. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request as well as its initial comments.

## **Discussion**

The Order approving the Settlement Stipulation for the GreenTherm program was issued on July 30, 2019. As part of that Order, the Company was required to: "...report annually to the Commission about the GreenTherm program. The Company's annual report to the Commission will contain details about the number of participating customers, the amount of RNG purchased, the number of RNG blocks sold, the total customer contributions, and program expenses. The Company will also provide GreenTherm program participants a link to the Company's annual report to the Commission."

The Division reviewed the Report and compared it to the appropriate tariff section, the Settlement Stipulation and the Order and determined that the Report is compliant. The Report contains the required update on renewable natural gas verification standards, results of the Company's annual internal audit, and program marketing materials. Program Participation continues to grow, although at a slower pace. The Program Expenditures have decreased in line with the surplus of blocks purchased in 2022. Likewise, the Account Balance is in line with expectations. The program appears to be functioning as designed and the Report was submitted as ordered.

The Order also directed the Company to "provide GreenTherm program participants a link to the Company's annual report to the Commission. The Company maintains the following URL that is available to program participants and the general public:

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/utah/save-energy/greentherm>.

## **Conclusion**

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge Enbridge's report as compliant with tariff section 8.09, the Settlement Stipulation, and the Commission order. This filing does not request any change in the Company's current rates.

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