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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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In re: Application of )  
Dominion Energy Utah to ) Docket No. 20-057-06  
Account for the Excess )  
Deferred Income Tax )  
Amortization between January )  
2019 -- March 2020 )  
Pass-Through Application of )  
Dominion Energy Utah for an ) Docket No. 20-057-07  
Adjustment in Rates and )  
Charges for Natural Gas )  
Service in Utah )  
Application of Dominion )  
Energy Utah for an ) Docket No. 20-057-08  
Adjustment to the Daily )  
Transportation Imbalance )  
Charge )

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3 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. This is the  
4 telephonic meeting noticed for a hearing in three  
5 dockets: No. 20-57-06, application for the excess  
6 deferred income tax amortization between January 2019  
7 through March 2020; No. 20-057-07, pass-through  
8 application for an adjustment in rates and charges for  
9 natural gas service in Utah; and No. 20-057-08,  
10 application for an adjustment to the daily transportation  
11 imbalance charge.

12 Before we go on, is the court reporter on?

13 COURT REPORTER: I am here, yes, Kellie  
14 Peterson.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Hi, Kellie, thank  
16 you.

17 My name is Yvonne Hogle, and I am the  
18 Commission's designated presiding officer for this  
19 hearing.

20 Let's take appearances, please.

21 MS. CLARK: This is Jenniffer Clark. I'm  
22 appearing on behalf of Dominion Energy Utah. And I have  
23 with me two witnesses for the Company, Jordan Stephenson  
24 will serve as the company's witness in Docket 20-057-06  
25 and 20-057-08. And I also have with me Jessica Ipson,

1 who will serve as the Company's witness in Docket No.  
2 20-057-07, the pass-through docket.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

4 MR. JETTER: And this is Justin Jetter with  
5 the Utah Attorney General's Office. I represent the Utah  
6 Division of Public Utilities, excuse me, and this morning  
7 the Division would like to sponsor two witnesses.

8 For the docket ending in 06, the Division  
9 witness will be JJ Alder, and for the two dockets ending  
10 in -- excuse me, I reversed that. For the 06 docket,  
11 Jeff Einfeldt will testify for the Division, and for the  
12 07 and 08 dockets, JJ Alder will be the Division's  
13 witness.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you,  
15 Mr. Jetter.

16 All right. Does Dominion Energy wish to call  
17 all of its witnesses for the three dockets at the same  
18 time or at the beginning of the proceeding, or do you  
19 wish to break them out a certain way?

20 MS. CLARK: I think it would be most  
21 efficient -- because Mr. Stephenson is addressing two  
22 different dockets, I think it would be most efficient to  
23 let him testify first, and then have him followed by  
24 Ms. Ipson, and then -- and then to address the Division's  
25 witnesses, if that works for everyone else.

1 MR. JETTER: That works great for us.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Perfect.

3 MS. CLARK: Wonderful. Then the company --

4 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Any other

5 preliminary -- any other preliminary matters before we  
6 get started?

7 MS. CLARK: I apologize. Not from the  
8 company.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

10 Okay. Ms. Clark, please call your first  
11 witness.

12 MS. CLARK: The company calls Jordan  
13 Stephenson.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning,  
15 Mr. Stephenson.

16 MR. STEPHENSON: Good morning.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Do you swear to  
18 tell the truth?

19 MR. STEPHENSON: Yes.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.  
21 Ms. Clark, you may proceed.

22 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. CLARK:

25 Q. Mr. Stephenson, can you please state your

1 **name and business address for the record?**

2 A. Yes. Jordan Stephenson, 333 South State,  
3 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

4 **Q. And what position do you hold with Dominion**  
5 **Energy, Mr. Stephenson?**

6 A. I'm a manager of regulation.

7 **Q. I'd like to turn you attention to the**  
8 **application in Docket No. 20-057-06, the Tax Surcredit 3**  
9 **docket.**

10 **Was the application in that docket prepared**  
11 **by you or under your direction?**

12 A. Yes.

13 **Q. And do you adopt its contents as your**  
14 **testimony today?**

15 A. Yes.

16 MS. CLARK: The Company would move for the  
17 admission of the application and accompanying exhibits in  
18 Docket No. 20-057-06.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They are  
20 admitted.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

22 BY MS. CLARK:

23 **Q. Mr. Stephenson, can you please summarize the**  
24 **release the Company seeks with this application?**

25 A. Yes. In this docket, the Company seeks to



1 extend the Tax Surcredit 3 for 12 months, beginning on  
2 June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021, and to adjust the tax  
3 surcredit rate over the same period.

4 In its order in Docket No. 19-0570-02, the  
5 Commission specified that a total of \$6 million should be  
6 returned to customers through the extension of Tax  
7 Surcredit 3. This amount represents excess deferred  
8 income tax amortization entries through February of 2020.

9 Beginning on March 1st of 2020, the base DNG  
10 rates have been updated to include the amortization of  
11 EDIT going forward. This extension of Tax Surcredit 3  
12 results in a \$2.56 decrease to a typical customer's  
13 annual bill or .39 percent.

14 The Company notes that its application in  
15 this docket did not address how to handle any potential  
16 difference between the planned credit amount and the  
17 actual amount that is amortized to customers at the end  
18 of 12 months ended May 31, 2021.

19 To ensure that the appropriate amount is  
20 ultimately returned to customers, the Company proposes  
21 that a true-up between the planned amount and the actual  
22 amount credited to customers be performed at -- and any  
23 difference be included in the first infrastructure  
24 tracker filing in the fall of 2021. Including a true-up  
25 amount in the infrastructure tracker filing will ensure

1 that all classes are allocated a portion of the true-up  
2 appropriately.

3 The Tax Surcredit 3 extension and adjustment  
4 is just, reasonable and in the public interest, and the  
5 Company requests the extension be effective June 1, 2020.

6 And this concludes my summary.

7 **Q. Thank you, Mr. Stephenson. I would like to**  
8 **turn your attention now to Docket No. 20-057-08, the**  
9 **Transportation Imbalance Charge docket.**

10 Mr. Stephenson, was the application in the  
11 second docket prepared by you or under your direction?

12 A. Yes, it was.

13 **Q. And do you adopt the contents of this**  
14 **application also as your testimony today?**

15 A. Yes.

16 MS. CLARK: The Company moves for the  
17 admission of the application and accompanying exhibits in  
18 Docket No. 20-057-08.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: They are admitted.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

21 BY MS. CLARK:

22 **Q. Mr. Stephenson, can you please summarize the**  
23 **relief the Company seeks with this application?**

24 A. Yes. In this docket, the Company seeks to  
25 adjust the Transportation imbalance charge to reflect the

1 cost of supplier non-gas services used by GS customers  
2 for the 12 months, ended March 31, 2020.

3 Over that period, the Company experienced a  
4 total net imbalance of 3.6 million decatherms from GS  
5 customers on its system. The Company managed this  
6 imbalance at a cost of approximately 22 cents per  
7 decatherm.

8 Consistent with the methodology ordered in  
9 Docket No. 14-057-31, the Company proposes that the total  
10 balancing cost incurred be collected from GS customers  
11 whose imbalance exceeds 5 percent. This results in a  
12 transportation imbalance charge of 7.834 cents, which is  
13 a 7.7 percent reduction from the current imbalance charge  
14 in place.

15 This rate adjustment is just, reasonable and  
16 in the public interest, and the Company requests that  
17 this rate take effect on June 1, 2020.

18 And this concludes my summary.

19 MS. CLARK: Mr. Stephenson is now available  
20 for cross-examination or Commission questions.

21 MR. JETTER: I have no questions from the  
22 Division.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

24 I guess I just wanted a clarification in your  
25 testimony regarding the 06 docket and your testimony on

1 that testimony. Would you say that this was the first  
2 time that the parties heard about the true-up that DEU is  
3 proposing; is that correct?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes, that is correct. In our  
5 original filing, we did not address how to handle any  
6 difference at the end of the 12 months of this Surcredit  
7 3, so we would propose that a true-up be performed in  
8 this -- and there -- we -- there, likely, will be a  
9 difference -- or there will be a difference. It's not a  
10 question. So we think that that difference can be  
11 handled by creating an adjustment tracker following the  
12 conclusion of the surcredit.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I don't have  
14 any other questions. Thank you, Mr. Stephenson.

15 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark, do you  
17 want to call your next witness?

18 MS. CLARK: I do. Thank you.

19 The Company calls Jessica Ipson.

20 MS. IPSON: Good morning.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning,  
22 Ms. Ipson. Do you swear to tell the truth?

23 MS. IPSON: Yes.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

25 Ms. Clark, You may proceed.

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 BY MS. CLARK:

4 Q. Ms. Ipson, will you please state your name  
5 and your business address for the record?

6 A. Jessica Ipson, 333 South State Street, Salt  
7 Lake City, Utah.

8 Q. And what position do you hold with Dominion  
9 Energy?

10 A. Regulatory analyst III.

11 Q. Ms. Ipson, was the application in Docket No.  
12 20-057-07 prepared by you or under your direction?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And do you adopt its contents as your  
15 testimony today?

16 A. Yes.

17 MS. CLARK: The Company would move for the  
18 admission for the application in Docket No. 20-057-07 and  
19 accompanying exhibits.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: They are admitted.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

22 BY MS. CLARK:

23 Q. Ms. Ipson, can you please summarize the  
24 relief the Company seeks in this application?

25 A. Yes. In pass-through Docket No. 20-057-07,

1 Dominion Energy respectfully asks the Utah Public Service  
2 Commission for approval of \$428,381,603 in Utah gas cost  
3 coverage. This represents an overall decrease of \$10.891  
4 million. The components of this decrease are, first, a  
5 decrease of \$9.171 million in commodity costs, and  
6 second, a decrease of \$1.320 million in supplier non-gas  
7 costs.

8           Included in this filing is the Commission  
9 ordered change from Docket No. 19-057-02 to use a new  
10 method for allocating supplier non-gas costs to  
11 customers, which includes allocating peak hour contract  
12 costs to transportation customers.

13           This request does not change the existing  
14 commodity amortization that was established last fall in  
15 Docket No. 19-057-18. The Company is also requesting an  
16 amortization of the undercollected SNG cost. The SNG  
17 balance is slightly undercollected from expected levels  
18 at the end of March by \$962,116, which leads to the debit  
19 amortization charges shown on Exhibit 1.5, page 6.

20           In addition, the Company is also including  
21 the unprotected EDIT on the purchase staff agreement  
22 totalling \$1,083,300. This will be established as a  
23 credit amortization of .972¢ per decatherm over the  
24 period of one year beginning June 1, 2020. This credit  
25 will be listed as a separate line item on customers'

1 bills and is identified as Tax Reform through Credit 4.

2           The cost of purchased gas was developed using  
3 forecast gas prices from both Pura Energy Group and  
4 Cambridge Energy Research Associates. If this  
5 application is approved, a typical GS customer using 80  
6 decatherms per year would see a decrease of \$8.27 or a  
7 total annual decrease of 1.28 percent. These rates are  
8 just, reasonable and in the public interest. Therefore,  
9 we request the rates proposed in commodity and S&G be  
10 allowed to go into effect June 1, 2020.

11           That concludes my summary.

12           MS. CLARK: Ms. Ipson is available for  
13 cross-examination and Commission questions.

14           MR. JETTER: This is Justin Jetter. I don't  
15 have any questions from the Division. Thank you.

16           PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: And I guess I just  
17 want a clarification, Ms. Ipson. Initially, you -- in  
18 the amounts that you've testified to, the 9.171 million  
19 decrease and the \$1.32 million decrease, that adds up to  
20 10.4 million, but then you quoted a \$10.8 million number.

21           Can you help me understand the math there?

22           THE WITNESS: Let me just pull up this one.  
23 I'm sorry, I'm just looking at something because I'm --

24           PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: No problem, take  
25 your time. I just want to make sure that I'm

1 understanding the amount.

2 Does it have to do with the peak, so it  
3 does --

4 THE WITNESS: You peak with, okay. So that  
5 is right, so there is an error in my total impact of the  
6 decrease. So if you do add those two numbers together,  
7 you have a decrease of \$10.491 million, and the  
8 calculation I was using to come up with the total amount  
9 of the overall decrease in our model was not including  
10 the new allocation to the supply -- I mean the  
11 transportation service classes, so that is a reason why  
12 there is a difference.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. So what is  
14 the amount that DEU is requesting in this application  
15 with respect to these adjustments? What is the correct  
16 amount?

17 THE WITNESS: The correct amount is \$10.491  
18 million.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I don't have  
20 any other questions.

21 Mr. Jetter, do you have any questions?

22 MR. JETTER: I don't have any questions.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Ms. Ipson,  
24 thank you.

25 THE WITNESS: Thank you.



1                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Jetter -- oh,  
2 excuse me, Ms. Clark, do you have anything else?

3                   MS. CLARK: Nothing further from the Company.  
4 Thank you.

5                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Mr. Jetter.

6                   MR. JETTER: Thank you. Before I call the  
7 Division's first witness, I would actually like to just  
8 briefly address the -- I misspoke in our initial  
9 introduction of the Division's witnesses. The Division  
10 will actually have three witnesses we would like to  
11 sponsor today. So Jeffrey Einfeldt for the 06 docket,  
12 and excuse me, let me make sure I get the numbers  
13 correctly on these.

14                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.

15                   MR. JETTER: For the pass-through docket, the  
16 07 docket, JJ Alder. And for the 08 docket for  
17 transportation, the Division would like to sponsor Vana  
18 Venjimuri. I'm hoping I'm being -- close to pronouncing  
19 that correctly and I'll have her correct my pronunciation  
20 when I call her as a witness.

21                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: And can you just  
22 spell her last name, if you don't mind, for the reporter?  
23 I understand that you're not going to call her first  
24 probably; is that right? You are going to call --

25                   MR. JETTER: No, no.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: -- Mr. -- okay.

2 MR. JETTER: It is V-E-N-J-I-M-U-R-I.

3 And, Vana, are you on the line with us?

4 MS. VENJIMURI: Yes, I am on the --

5 MR. JETTER: Could you pronounce your last  
6 name correctly for us?

7 MS. VENJIMURI: It's Venjimuri.

8 MR. JETTER: Venjimuri, okay. Thank you.

9 MS. VENJIMURI: Thank you.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Perfect. Go  
11 ahead, Mr. Jetter.

12 MR. JETTER: Okay. And so if you'd like to  
13 do it like the Company witnesses, we can call and swear  
14 in the three Division witnesses and then go through the  
15 docket?

16 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Let's do that.

17 MR. JETTER: Okay. The Division would like  
18 to call and have sworn Jeffrey Einfeldt, JJ Alder and  
19 Vana Venjimuri.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Great.

21 Mr. Einfeldt, do you swear to tell the truth?

22 MR. EINFELDT: Yes.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Alder, do you  
24 swear to tell the truth?

25 MR. ALDER: Yes.

1                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Venjimuri, do  
2 you swear to tell the truth?

3                   MS. VENJIMURI: Yes.

4                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Mr. Jetter,  
5 call your first witness.

6                   MR. JETTER: Thank you.

7                   DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. JETTER:

9                   **Q. Mr. Einfeldt, will you please state your name**  
10 **and occupation for the record?**

11                   A. My name is Jeffrey F. Einfeldt. I'm a  
12 utility technical consultant with the Division of Public  
13 Utilities.

14                   **Q. Thank you. And in the course of your**  
15 **employment with the Division of Public Utilities, and**  
16 **this is with reference to Docket No. 20-057-06, the**  
17 **application of Dominion Energy Utah to access -- to**  
18 **account for excess deferred income tax amortization**  
19 **between January 2019 and March 2020.**

20                   Did you have an opportunity to review the  
21 application filed by the Company and interact with the  
22 Company with further data requests in that docket?

23                   A. Yes, I have.

24                   **Q. And did you prepare and cause to be filed**  
25 **with the Commission comments from the Division of Public**

1 **Utilities dated May 18, 2020?**

2 A. Yes.

3 **Q. And will you adopt those comments as your**  
4 **testimony today?**

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. JETTER: I would like to move at this  
7 time to enter the document that's listed as -- on the  
8 Commission website as "Comments" and it's titled, "Action  
9 request for response," from the Division of Public  
10 Utilities admitted May 18, 2020, into the record.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: They have been  
12 admitted.

13 MR. JETTER: Thank you.

14 BY MR. JETTER:

15 **Q. Mr. Einfeldt, have you prepared a brief**  
16 **summary of your testimony?**

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 **Q. Please go ahead.**

19 A. The Division recommends the Public Service  
20 Commission approve Dominion Energy Utah's proposed  
21 changes updating and extending Tax Surcredit 3 in DEU's  
22 Utah Natural Gas Tariff 500.

23 If approved as proposed by the Company and  
24 recommended by the Division, the updates to Tax Surcredit  
25 3 will be implemented through the new proposed rates,

1 which will run from June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021.  
2 Tax Surcredit 3 amortizes the protected portion of excess  
3 deferred income tax, or EDIT, related to the depreciable  
4 assets of the Company. The amortization of EDIT and  
5 refund to ratepayers is due because of the Federal Income  
6 Tax law change signed by Congress on December 2017, known  
7 as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts.

8           The proposed and recommended rate adjustment  
9 to Tax Surcredit 3 will properly refund the amortization  
10 of EDIT to ratepayers, related to the period January 1,  
11 2019 through March 1, 2020 -- or to March 1, 2020. This  
12 recommended adjustment to Tax Surcredit 3 before the  
13 Commission today also incorporates an adjustment to  
14 correct a prior over-amortization of EDIT related to  
15 prior periods in the amount of \$1.098 million that was  
16 refunded to ratepayers.

17           The proposed adjustment is scheduled to begin  
18 June 1, 2020, and is said to expire May 31, 2021, when  
19 the subject protected EDIT is anticipated to be fully  
20 amortized and returned to ratepayers. Any remaining EDIT  
21 balance at May 31, 2021, either positive or negative,  
22 will be calculated and addressed to the infrastructure  
23 tracker account to ensure the proper amount is returned  
24 to ratepayers.

25           I might add at this point, we did discuss

1 with the Company last week and proposed that this  
2 adjustment be made at the conclusion of this amortization  
3 period, realizing that for us to guess the exact amount  
4 now to the penny would be highly unlikely. And that's  
5 what the Company proposed through Mr. Stephenson, is what  
6 we had discussed last week.

7 With that said, the Division believes the  
8 proposed adjustment to Tax Surcredit 3 is just,  
9 reasonable and in the public interest.

10 And that concludes my statement.

11 **Q. Thank you.**

12 MR. JETTER: I have no further questions for  
13 Mr. Einfeldt, and he is available for cross and questions  
14 from the Commission.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark?

16 MS. CLARK: The Company has no questions for  
17 Mr. Einfeldt.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Einfeldt, I  
19 just want to make sure that I understand this correctly.  
20 Does the DPU feel confident that it can audit the  
21 infrastructure tracker true-up that is being proposed by  
22 the Company?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, and it's similar to  
24 adjustments we have done. The process is similar to  
25 adjustments we have done in similar dockets to this in

1 the past, and I do have confidence that we can do that.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

3 I have no other questions.

4 Mr. Jetter, you may call your next witness.

5 MR. JETTER: Thank you. The next witness the  
6 Division would like to call is JJ Alder and he is sworn  
7 in.

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. JETTER:

10 Q. Are you -- are you with us, Mr. Alder?

11 A. I am.

12 Q. Would you please state your name and  
13 occupation for the record?

14 A. Yes. My name is JJ Alder and I'm a utility  
15 analyst with the Division of Public Utilities.

16 Q. Thank you. And in the course of your  
17 employment with the Division, have you had the  
18 opportunity to review the filings made by Dominion Energy  
19 Utah in the 20-057-07 pass-through application docket?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And did you assist in the creation and filing  
22 of an action request response in that docket, dated May  
23 19, 2020?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And would you adopt the action request

1 response as part of your testimony today?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you have a brief summary of the Division's  
4 position in the pass-through application?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. Will you go ahead --

7 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Excuse me. Excuse  
8 me, before you proceed, do you want to have those  
9 materials admitted into the record?

10 MR. JETTER: Yes, I would like to do that.  
11 So I would like to make a motion to enter the actual  
12 request response, from May 20, 2020, into the  
13 docket -- into the record, excuse me, into the hearing  
14 for this docket.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: They are admitted.

16 MR. JETTER: Thank you.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Please proceed,  
18 Mr. Alder.

19 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Docket No.  
20 20-057-07, known as the 191 pass-through application,  
21 asks for Commission approval for a decrease of 9.171  
22 million in the commodity components and a decrease of  
23 1.32 million in the supplier non-gas components of the  
24 natural gas rate, for a net decrease of 10.491 million.

25 The projected decrease in commodity cost is



1 due primarily to a decrease in commodity costs from  
2 Wexpro productions and market purchases, as well as  
3 savings due to Wexpro purchasing gathering facilities  
4 from MPLX, formerly Andeavor.

5           For the test year ending May 2021, it is  
6 anticipated that approximately 52 percent of the total  
7 gas requirement will be satisfied from the Wexpro  
8 cost-of-service gas production, and the remaining 48  
9 percent will be purchased through existing and future  
10 contracts, as well as spot market purchase contracts  
11 transmissions -- transactions, excuse me.

12           If this docket is approved individually, a  
13 typical GS customer will see a decrease in their annual  
14 bill from \$8.27, which is a decrease of 1.28 percent.

15           The Division believes that the requested  
16 changes are in the public interest and recommends that  
17 the proposed rate changes be approved with an effective  
18 date of June 1, 2020.

19           That concludes my summary. Thank you.

20 BY MR. JETTER:

21           **Q. Thank you. And Mr. Alder, I'd like to -- do**  
22 **you have the action request response in front of you?**

23           A. I don't but I can. Hold on.

24           **Q. Okay. Let me know when you have it. I would**  
25 **just like to clarify something that was discussed earlier**

1 about this decrease in their --

2 A. Okay. I have it.

3 Q. Okay. So what I'm looking at here is on page  
4 2, under the bold Docket No. 20-057-07. And if we go  
5 about halfway through that paragraph, it's the initial  
6 sentence there but it discusses the 9.171 million  
7 decrease for the supplier non gas -- or excuse me, for  
8 the commodities and the 1.32 million for supplier non  
9 gas, and the sum of those in this, I think, was similar  
10 to what was discussed earlier as 10.891 million.

11 Is it correct that that number should be  
12 corrected to 10.491?

13 A. Correct. Yes, that's true.

14 Q. Okay. I hope that provides a little clarity.  
15 Do you know that -- let me -- the 8. -- \$8.27 for an  
16 average GS customer on their bill, is that the correct  
17 number?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. JETTER: And I have no further questions.  
21 Mr. Alder is available for Commission questions or  
22 cross-examination from Dominion Energy Utah.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark?

24 MS. CLARK: The Company has no questions.

25 Thanks.

1                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I think I  
2 just want to make sure that I'm clear as well. So other  
3 than the correction to the \$10.8 million number, which  
4 was given in the application, I believe -- is that  
5 correct? -- to 10.4 million, around that number, nothing  
6 that is reflected here in the exhibits or in any  
7 comments, with respect to how the customer classes billed  
8 will be affected, needs to be corrected; is that correct,  
9 Mr. Alder?

10                   THE WITNESS: Yes, I believe so.

11                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. And that is  
12 the only question I have. Thank you, Mr. Alder.

13                   THE WITNESS: Thank you.

14                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Jetter, you can  
15 call your next witness.

16                   MR. JETTER: Okay. Would you allow me to ask  
17 one more question of Mr. Alder, just to make sure that  
18 our record is correct? There is another spot in the DPU  
19 I would like to correct.

20                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Absolutely,  
21 Mr. Alder. I apologize.

22                   You're still under oath. Excuse me for  
23 interrupting.

24 BY MR. JETTER:

25                   **Q. Mr. Alder, if you turn to page 3 of the**

1 action request response and the first paragraph on page  
2 3, the \$10.891 million shows up again. And should that  
3 also be corrected to 10.491 million?

4 A. Yes, that should reflect the 10.491 million.

5 Q. Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. JETTER: And that is the only other  
7 question that I had.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay, Mr. Jetter.

9 Mr. Alder, thank you.

10 Mr. Jetter, please call your next witness.

11 MR. JETTER: Okay. Thank you.

12 The Division would like next to call Vana  
13 Venjimuri.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. JETTER:

16 Q. Are you with us, Vana?

17 A. Yes, I am.

18 Q. All right. Would you please state your name  
19 and occupation for the record?

20 A. I am Vana Venjimuri. I am working as a  
21 utility analyst II in the department of public utilities.

22 Q. Thank you. And in the course of your  
23 employment with the Division of Public Utilities, have  
24 you had the opportunity to review the application filed  
25 by Dominion Energy Utah in Docket No. 20-057-08

1 application?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. An adjustment to the daily transportation  
4 imbalance charge?

5 A. Yes, I have.

6 Q. And did you also participate in the creation  
7 and the filing of the action request response filed in  
8 that docket on May 19, 2020?

9 A. Yes, I have.

10 Q. And I believe you have been on the call of  
11 this hearing with us, and with respect to the two places  
12 in that action request response where a number of \$10.891  
13 million was referenced in error that was discussed  
14 earlier by the Division's witness, Mr. Alder, would you  
15 also agree that those two numbers should be changed to  
16 \$10.491 million?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. And with those two changes, would you  
19 adopt the action request response, dated May 19, 2020,  
20 filed in the 20-057-08 docket as part of your testimony  
21 today?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And have you prepared a brief summary of the  
24 Division's position in the daily transportation imbalance  
25 charge docket?

1 A. Yes, I have.

2 **Q. Please go ahead.**

3 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Before you proceed,  
4 Mr. Jetter, do you want to admit your --

5 MR. JETTER: Yes, I'd like to move to admit  
6 the action request response of May 19, 2020, with the two  
7 corrections made just in this hearing of that \$10 million  
8 number.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: They are admitted.  
10 Thank you.

11 MR. JETTER: Thank you.

12 BY MR. JETTER:

13 **Q. Please go ahead.**

14 A. The Docket No. 20-057-08, or the  
15 transportation imbalance charge, was established to  
16 charge transportation customers for the supplier non-gas  
17 services that are being used on the Company's natural gas  
18 distribution system.

19 The calculation of this rate is based on the  
20 methodology approved in Docket No. 14-057-31 and is to be  
21 adjusted with each pass-through filing and in the next  
22 general rate case. The proposed change represents a  
23 decrease from 8.489 cents per decatherm to 7.834 cents  
24 per decatherm and is calculated based on the actual  
25 volumes of transportation customers for the 12 months

1 ending March 31, 2020.

2           This rate applies to customers that are  
3 taking service under the transportation rate schedules  
4 and any amount collected is credited to GS customers  
5 through the 191 account. This rate does not impact all  
6 transportation customers in the same way and applies only  
7 if a customer's nominations are outside of the plus 5  
8 percent daily tolerance limit. Transportation customers  
9 can minimize and possibly avoid this charge through  
10 accurate daily gas nominations.

11           The Division believes that the requested  
12 changes are in the public interest and recommends that  
13 the proposed rate be approved with an effective date of  
14 June 1, 2020.

15           That concludes my summary. Thank you.

16           **Q. Thank you, Ms. Venjimuri.**

17           MR. JETTER: The Division has no more  
18 questions and Mr. Venjimuri is available for cross or  
19 questions from the Commission.

20           PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark?

21           MS. CLARK: The Company has no questions.  
22 Thank you.

23           PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. And I just  
24 have one question, and this is for any of the Division's  
25 witnesses.

1 I'm curious about the Division's plan for  
2 auditing the Surcredit 4 that I read in one of the  
3 exhibits that is being credited to the 191 account. My  
4 understanding is that this is the first time that a tax  
5 credit will run through the 191 account, with respect to  
6 these credits anyway, and I just want to make sure that  
7 the Division has a plan for that and maybe hear how they  
8 plan to do that because this is kind of a different  
9 mechanism.

10 And that's for -- any of the witnesses can  
11 respond to that.

12 MR. EINFELDT: Yes, this is Jeff. While that  
13 was being presented, I thought that maybe there would be  
14 a true-up. I'm not as familiar with the Surtax Credit 4.  
15 I do know that it relates to EDIT also, but it relates to  
16 the unprotected portion of EDIT, which can be addressed  
17 differently under IRS rules.

18 My -- perhaps we can work with Jordan, and if  
19 Jordan has any thoughts on this during this hearing and  
20 address it.

21 Similar, if it goes to the 191 account, the  
22 process to audit it and test the true-up calculation, I'm  
23 estimating a true-up calculation in Surcredit 4 also,  
24 would be addressed very similar to the Surcredit 3  
25 true-up.



1                   And I would be happy to entertain some  
2 thoughts from Jordan on that matter if possible.

3                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I apologize.

4                   MR. STEPHENSON: Sure, this is Jordan.

5                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Oh, can you -- is  
6 this Mr. Stephenson or --

7                   MR. STEPHENSON: Yes.

8                   PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.  
9 Mr. Stephenson, we would like to hear from you to discuss  
10 this, please.

11                   MR. STEPHENSON: Sure. Yes, so Jeff is right  
12 regarding Tax Surcredit 4. It is an EDIT item related to  
13 the commodity related cost and it is an unprotected item,  
14 meaning we have discretion on how we want to treat that.

15                   So we messed it up with the commodities  
16 related pass-through. Because it is included in the 191  
17 account, that is a balancing account, so the balance will  
18 carry forward, and it will kind of automatically true-up  
19 as we go. So the next time we file a pass-through, if  
20 there's any difference between what customers would  
21 amortize over the period versus what actually -- what we  
22 intended, the balance will remain in the 191 and the next  
23 time the Company submits a filing, it will, kind of,  
24 automatically be included in those calculations.

25                   So as it relates to Tax Surcredit 3, it is a

1 little bit different because we need to manually do a  
2 calculation, true it up, and put it into an additional  
3 surcredit in the tracker, like we have proposed today,  
4 whereas Tax Surcredit 4, being in the pass-through  
5 account, will continue to be in that account until it is  
6 fully amortized.

7           And that being said, I believe that it would  
8 be subject to all of the discovery that occurs in an  
9 audit of what goes through the pass-through when the  
10 Division conducts those audits.

11           PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you,  
12 Mr. Stephenson.

13           MR. STEPHENSON: I am not sure if that helped  
14 answer the question.

15           PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Well, I just want  
16 to get some clarity. I only saw the Surcredit 4  
17 referenced in the exhibits, and I didn't see a discussion  
18 about that, I don't think, anywhere else.

19           I just want to ask one final question to the  
20 Division. Does the Division feel or think that the way  
21 that the Surcredit 4 is being handled is in the best  
22 interest of customers?

23           MR. EINFELDT: This is Jeff, Jeff Einfeldt.  
24 Based on Jordan's discussion and my understanding of the  
25 191 audit and so forth, I do believe that it would be

1 just, reasonable and in the public interest for it to be  
2 addressed with the way Jordan explained.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I appreciate  
4 that.

5 Is there anything else before we adjourn?

6 MS. CLARK: Nothing more from the Company.

7 MR. JETTER: And nothing further from the  
8 Division.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you very  
10 much, everyone. We are adjourned.

11 (The hearing was concluded at 9:50 A.M.)

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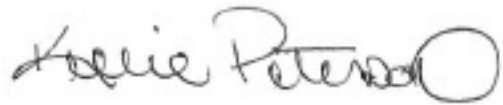
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Kellie Peterson, RPR

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