

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Pass-Through Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-057-14</u>
Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-057-15</u>
Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Amortize the Conservation Enabling Tariff Balancing Account	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-057-16</u>
Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the Low-Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-057-17</u>
Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-057-18</u>
Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Implement a Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Surcharge	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-057-19</u>
	<u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: October 30, 2020

SYNOPSIS

The Public Service Commission (PSC) approves the six applications Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) filed in the referenced dockets (“Dockets”). Our approval results in a total net increase to the annual bill of a typical GS residential customer using 80 decatherms (Dth) of natural gas, of \$27.74 or 4.33 percent.

The PSC approves the following applications on an interim basis, subject to audit, effective November 1, 2020:

- i. Pass-Through Application of DEU for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah (Docket No. 20-057-14);
- ii. Application of DEU for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge (Docket No. 20-057-15); and
- iii. Application of DEU to Amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance (Docket No. 20-057-18).

We refer to these applications, collectively, as the “Interim Rate Applications”.

In addition, the PSC approves final rates and tariff modifications as requested in the following applications, effective November 1, 2020:

- i. Application of DEU to Amortize the Conservation Enabling Tariff Balancing Account (Docket No. 20-057-16);
- ii. Application of DEU for an Adjustment to the Low-Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate (Docket No. 20-057-17); and
- iii. Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Implement a Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Surcharge (Docket No. 20-057-19).

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

DEU filed the applications on September 30, 2020. Each application proposes discrete rate changes and modifications to DEU’s PSCU Tariff No. 500 (“Tariff”), effective November 1, 2020.

On October 8, 2020, the PSC held a consolidated scheduling conference for the Dockets. On October 14, 2020, the PSC issued a Scheduling Order and Notice of Electronic Consolidated Hearing (“Scheduling Order”). On October 19, 2020, DPU filed comments and recommendations regarding the six applications. No other party petitioned to intervene or filed comments in any of the Dockets.

On October 27, 2020, the PSC held a consolidated hearing in the Dockets to consider each of the applications, during which DEU and DPU provided testimony.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Docket No. 20-057-14: 191 Account Application

DEU’s Pass-Through, 191 Account Application in Docket No. 20-057-14 (“191 Account Application”) proposes adjustments in rates and charges for natural gas service related to DEU’s

Account 191.1 of the Uniform System of Accounts, Unrecovered Purchased Gas Costs (“191 Account”).¹ Page two of the 191 Account Application states DEU’s request is based on projected Utah gas-related costs of approximately \$496.641 million for the forecast test year ending October 31, 2021 (“Test Year”). This represents an overall increase of approximately \$39.557 million, reflecting a projected \$41.465 million increase in commodity costs and a projected \$1.909 million decrease in supplier non-gas (SNG) costs. Consistent with the PSC’s May 9, 2019 Order Approving Dominion Energy Utah’s Modifications to Tariff Section 2.06 in Docket No. 19-057-T01, the 191 Account Application includes updated Tariff Pages 2-2 through 2-6, 4-3 through 4-4, 5-6 through 5-7, and 5-10 through 5-11, with an effective date of November 1, 2020.

The 191 Account Application Seeks an Increase of Approximately \$0.37 per Dth in the Commodity Component of Rates.

The 191 Account Application proposes to increase DEU’s total commodity rate from \$3.50 per Dth to \$3.87 per Dth.² DEU’s proposed commodity rate represents the sum of the “Base Gas Cost” rate plus the “191 Amortization Rate” less the Tax Reform Surcredit 4 (explained in more detail in a separate section below) as shown below:

¹ See DEU’s Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 500 at 2-1 to 2-9. As the PSC recognized in an earlier docket, “[t]he 191 Account’s purpose is to allow [DEU] to recover, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, the difference between projected gas costs and the actual costs [DEU] incurs to purchase gas. In addition to commodity gas costs, the 191 Account also tracks certain ‘supplier non-gas costs’ . . . which are costs associated with gathering, processing, transporting and storing gas.” *In the Matter of the Pass-Through Application of Questar Gas Company for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah*, Docket No. 16-057-05, Order Memorializing Bench Rulings at 2, issued July 11, 2016.

² 191 Account Application, Ex. 1.5, p.1.

	Current Commodity Rate per Dth	Proposed Commodity Rate per Dth
Base Gas Cost	\$3.07628	\$3.66269
191 Amortization Rate	\$0.43865	\$0.22099
Tax Reform Surcredit 4	<u>(\$0.00972)</u>	<u>(\$0.00972)</u>
Total Commodity Rate	\$3.50521	\$3.87396

The net commodity rate increase is due to an increase in Base Gas Costs and a corresponding decrease in the amortization portion of the 191 Account balance. The amortization reflects a 191 Account commodity balance of \$24.862 million as of August 2020, which DEU proposes to amortize with a 191 Amortization Rate of \$0.22099 per Dth.

The 191 Account Application Seeks to Continue Tax Reform Surcredit 4.

DEU proposes to continue amortizing the Tax Reform Surcredit 4, representing the unprotected excess deferred income tax (EDIT) totaling \$1,083,300 approved in Docket No. 20-057-07, over a one-year period beginning June 1, 2020. The Tax Reform Surcredit 4 will continue as a credit amortization of \$0.00972 per Dth applied to the commodity rate until May 31, 2021.

The 191 Account Application Seeks a Credit of \$0.09963 per Dth Applicable to the Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) Commodity Rate.

In August 2020, Renewable Information Number (RIN) proceeds of \$20,428 were generated through renewable natural gas sales at DEU's Compressed Natural Gas Station. DEU proposes to return the amount to NGV customers through a credit of \$0.09963 per Dth (\$20,428 divided by 205,030 Dth forecasted for the NGV rate schedule). This credit will reduce the commodity cost for NGV customers.³ As shown in Exhibit 1.5, page 1, to offset the RIN

³ See 191 Account Application, ¶ 18.

proceeds amount of \$20,428, which are included in the 191 Account commodity cost balance, DEU added it to the forecast Test Year commodity cost of \$412,048,452, for a total Test Year commodity cost of \$412,068,880.⁴ At hearing, DEU clarified that RIN proceeds are booked to Account 495 – Other Gas Revenues - and later booked into the 191 Account balance. DEU further testified it is acquiring green attributes for its NGV customer sales which triggers a qualification for RIN credits attributable to the RNG producer. According to DEU, Bluesource, a compliance group that works with RNG producers, brokered an exchange whereby an RNG producer that generates RIN credits has agreed to share a portion with DEU. DEU now seeks to return the credit to NGV customers. DEU testified at hearing that another possible method of accounting for the RIN credit would yield the same rate.

The 191 Account Application Seeks a \$1.682 Million Decrease in Total Revenue Collections Tied to SNG Rates During the Test Year.

DEU's Total SNG costs are the sum of the forecast SNG costs and the current 191 SNG Account balance. The forecast SNG costs are \$84.593 million, a decrease from \$85.540 million in Docket No. 20-057-07.⁵ Current SNG rates are estimated to recover \$86.275 million. DEU proposes maintaining the SNG amortization rates approved in Docket No. 20-057-07⁶ in order to keep the SNG Account balance within the +/- \$14 million⁷ as described on page 8, paragraph

⁴ 191 Account Application, Ex. 1.5, page 1, cell F1.

⁵ *Pass-Through Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah*, Docket No. 20-057-07.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ This amount is changed from the +/- \$20 million variation previously used by DEU due to changes in the definitions of SNG costs, which the PSC approved in *Application of Dominion Energy Utah for Approval of Modifications to Tariff Section 2.06*, Docket No. 19-057-T01, Order Approving Dominion Energy Utah's Modifications to Tariff Section 2.06, issued May 9, 2019.

19(b) of the 191 Account Application. DEU proposes the following changes to the SNG Base Rate and the SNG Amortization Rate:⁸

	<u>Current SNG Rate per Dth</u>	<u>Proposed SNG Rate per Dth</u>
GS Rate Schedule		
Summer Blocks 1 and 2 ⁹		
SNG Base Rate	\$0.38154	\$0.37445
SNG Amortization Rate	<u>\$0.00429</u>	<u>\$0.00429</u>
Total	\$0.38583	\$0.37874
Winter Blocks 1 and 2		
SNG Base Rate	\$0.90846	\$0.89193
SNG Amortization Rate	<u>\$0.01022</u>	<u>\$0.01022</u>
Total	\$0.91868	\$0.90215
FS Rate Schedule		
Summer Blocks 1, 2, and 3		
SNG Base Rate	\$0.75764	\$0.64017
SNG Amortization Rate	<u>\$0.00852</u>	<u>\$0.00852</u>
Total	\$0.76616	\$0.64869
Winter Blocks 1, 2, and 3		
SNG Base Rate	\$0.87936	\$0.81738
SNG Amortization Rate	<u>\$0.00989</u>	<u>\$0.00989</u>
Total	\$0.88925	\$0.82727
NGV Rate Schedule		
SNG Base Rate	\$0.76995	\$0.94498
SNG Amortization Rate	<u>\$0.00866</u>	<u>\$0.00866</u>
Total	\$0.77861	\$0.95364
IS Rate Schedule		
SNG Base Rate	\$0.17898	\$0.17957 ¹⁰
SNG Amortization Rate	<u>not applicable</u>	<u>not applicable</u>
Total	\$0.17898	\$0.17957

⁸ 191 Account Application, Ex. 1.5, p.6.

⁹ The GS Block 1 rate is applicable to the first 45 Dth; Block 2 is applicable to usage greater than 45 Dth.

¹⁰ See 191 Account Application, Ex. 1.5, p.3, n.1 for calculation.

As presented in DEU Exhibit 1.4, page 3, DEU also proposes to change the SNG Adder rate which allocates peak hour contract costs to transportation customers. This charge was approved in the PSC's February 25, 2020 Order in Docket No. 19-057-02 ("2020 GRC").¹¹

DPU Supports the 191 Account Application, Subject to an Audit, and No Party Opposes the Application.

DPU testified the rates proposed in the 191 Account Application are just and reasonable, and in the public interest, and recommends their approval on an interim basis, effective November 1, 2020, subject to audit and review. DPU calculates that approval of the 191 Account Application will result in an increase to the annual bill of a typical¹² GS residential customer of \$28.40, or 4.44 percent. No party opposes the 191 Account Application.

Docket No. 20-057-15: Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge Application

The PSC approved a Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge ("TIC") in Docket No. 14-057-31.¹³ DEU has assessed the TIC to transportation customers taking service under DEU's MT, TS, and TBF rate schedules since February 2016.¹⁴ The TIC is recalculated as part of the 191 Account pass-through. In its application, filed in Docket No. 20-057-15 ("TIC Application"), DEU proposes to decrease the TIC from \$0.07834 to \$0.07690 per Dth for daily

¹¹ *Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications*, Docket No. 19-057-02.

¹² The assumption is that a typical GS residential customer uses 80 Dth per year.

¹³ *See In the Matter of the Application of Questar Gas Company to Make Tariff Modifications to Charge Transportation Customers for Use of Supplier-Non-Gas Services*, Docket No. 14-057-31, Order issued November 9, 2015.

¹⁴ The FT-1 rate schedule was renamed TBF (Transportation Bypass Firm) in Docket No. 18-057-T04. In addition, the TS schedule now includes both Transportation Service Firm (TSF) and Transportation Service Interruptible (TSI) customer classes.

imbalance volumes outside of a 5 percent tolerance for transportation customers,¹⁵ using historical data for the twelve months ended August 31, 2020.

DPU Supports the TIC Application on an Interim Basis, Subject to an Audit.

DPU testified the current TIC has only been in place since February 2016, and states that while it appears the nominations have become more accurate since the rate was imposed, several individual customers with gas nominations still fall outside the acceptable range. DPU contends there is also a large variation in the size of customers using the transportation rate.¹⁶ According to DPU, while 75 percent of the transportation volumes are attributed to the 72 largest DEU customers, these large customers represent just 52 percent of the total Dth outside of the tolerance limit. Conversely, the 928 transportation customers representing the remaining 25 percent of total transportation volumes account for 48 percent of the Dth outside the tolerance limit. DPU adds that most of the daily nominations are made through third-party marketing companies and not all of the marketing companies have the same level of accuracy with the daily nomination process. DPU commits it will continue to monitor the TIC and usage.

DPU states it has reviewed the calculation and the TIC Application, but has not completed an audit of the individual entries and the credits to the 191 Account. DPU testified the requested changes are just and reasonable, and in the public interest. Accordingly, DPU recommends the proposed rate be approved on an interim basis, effective November 1, 2020, until DPU can complete its audit. No party opposes the TIC Application.

¹⁵ DEU Tariff, Section 5.01, Transportation Service, defines “‘Daily imbalance’ . . . [as] the difference between the customer’s scheduled quantities, less fuel, and the customer’s actual usage on any given day.”

¹⁶ DPU October 19, 2020 Comments at 10.

Docket No. 20-057-16: Conservation Enabling Tariff Application

DEU's application in Docket No. 20-057-16 (the "CET Application") affects DEU's Conservation Enabling Tariff (CET) amortization component of the DNG rate of the GS rate schedule. According to DEU, as of August 2020, the CET account has an under-collected balance of \$4.119 million.¹⁷ DEU proposes to amortize this balance by applying a percentage change to the GS DNG rate, as set forth in DEU Exhibit 1.2 to the CET Application. DEU states that approval of the application will result in an increase to the annual bill of a typical GS customer using 80 Dth per year, of approximately \$3.24 or 0.51 percent.

	<u>Current CET Rate per Dth</u>	<u>Proposed CET Rate per Dth</u>	<u>Difference in CET Rates per Dth</u>
GS Rate Schedule			
Summer Block 1	\$0.00033	\$0.03319	+\$0.03286
Summer Block 2	\$0.00014	\$0.01323	+\$0.01309
Winter Block 1	\$0.00045	\$0.04483	+\$0.04438
Winter Block 2	\$0.00026	\$0.02488	+\$0.02462

DPU Supports the Proposed Conservation Enabling Tariff Rates, and No Party Opposes the Application.

DPU agrees with DEU that approval of the CET Application will result in an increase to the annual bill of a typical GS customer using 80 Dth per year, of \$3.24, or 0.51%. DPU testifies that the rates proposed in the CET Application are just and reasonable, and in the public interest, and recommends the PSC approves them as final, effective November 1, 2020. No party provided comments or testimony opposing the CET Application.

¹⁷ CET Application at 2, ¶ 4.

Docket No. 20-057-17: Low Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Rate Application

In Docket No. 10-057-08, the PSC approved the Low-Income Assistance/Energy Assistance Program (“Energy Assistance Program”), affecting the energy assistance component of the DNG rates of the GS, FS, NGV, IS, TBF, TSF, TSI, and MT rate classes, and established a \$1.5 million balancing account (Account 191.8) to provide bill credits to qualifying low-income customers. In this application (“Energy Assistance Application”), DEU seeks an adjustment to Account 191.8 to ensure that the target funding level of \$1.5 million is maintained.

According to DEU, during the period ending July 2020, it under-collected \$55,738 from customers on a cumulative basis since the beginning of the Energy Assistance Program. This amount, when added to the \$1.5 million allowable balance, yields a sum of \$1,555,738 that will be collected from customers during the test period (October 2020 through September 2021).

On August 17, 2020, DEU met with interested parties including representatives from DPU, OCS, and AARP, and those in attendance determined it was appropriate to adjust the energy efficiency credit to \$79.00 from the current \$77.00. Accordingly, DEU proposes to increase the per-customer Energy Assistance Program credit amount from \$77.00 to \$79.00.¹⁸

DPU Supports the Energy Assistance Program Rate, and No Party Opposes the Application.

In its comments and at the hearing, DPU confirmed its support for DEU’s proposed change to the annual credit from \$77.00 to \$79.00 in its Energy Assistance Application. DPU

¹⁸ DEU calculates the \$79.00 credit by using an estimated 20,993 participants in the upcoming heating season, determined by averaging the actual participants from the 2017/2018, 2018/2019, and 2019/2020 time periods. The projected payout fund calculation is \$1,654,973 divided by the 20,993 customers, to equal the rounded \$79.00 credit available to qualifying customers.

testified the rates proposed are just and reasonable, and in the public interest, and recommends approval, effective November 1, 2020. Based on the information presented in the Energy Assistance Application, DPU calculates that approval of the Energy Assistance Application will result in an increase to the annual bill of a typical GS residential customer using 80 Dth per year, of \$0.03 or less than 0.01%.

Docket No. 20-057-18: Amortization of Energy Efficiency Account Balance Application

In DEU's application in Docket No. 20-057-18 (the "Energy Efficiency Application"), DEU proposes to decrease the Energy Efficiency amortization rate component of the DNG Rate for all GS Rate Schedule usage blocks from the \$0.26120 per Dth approved in Docket No. 19-057-29¹⁹ to \$0.20678 per Dth. The proposed rate reflects an annual revenue requirement decrease of \$5.932 million and a 2021 Energy Efficiency (EE) budget of \$26.426 million. DEU states that based on forecasted 2021 budgeted expenditures and projected volumes for the 2020-2021 test period, it will be able to collect the necessary revenue while at the same time minimizing interest expense.²⁰

DPU Supports and no Party Opposes the Application.

DPU states approval of the Energy Efficiency Application will result in a decrease to the annual bill of a typical GS customer using 80 Dth per year of \$4.36 or 0.68 percent. DPU testified the rates proposed are just and reasonable for Utah customers, and approval of the changes proposed in the Energy Efficiency Application are also in the public interest.

¹⁹ See *Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance*, Docket No. 19-057-29, Order issued November 27, 2019.

²⁰ Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Application at 3, ¶ 1.

Accordingly, DPU recommends the PSC approve the requested rate change on an interim basis, effective November 1, 2020, subject to audit and review. No party opposes the Energy Efficiency Application.

Docket No. 20-057-19: Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Surcharge Application

In DEU's application in Docket No. 20-057-19 (the "STEP Surcharge Application"), DEU requests approval to implement the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (STEP) surcharge and STEP balancing account to facilitate cost recovery for the STEP program and fund the Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center for a two-year period. The PSC approved this program in its Order Approving Settlement Stipulation, issued August 31, 2020, in Docket No. 19-057-33.²¹ DEU proposes to collect \$500,000 annually including a carrying charge for a period of two years through the STEP surcharge. DEU proposes to assign the STEP surcharge to each rate class based on the PSC-approved cost of service from the 2020 GRC.²² DEU proposes that the surcharge assigned to each class will be collected based on a percentage change to the demand charge, if applicable, and each block of volumetric rates of the respective rate schedules. DEU also proposes to establish the STEP balancing account in Section 2.18 of its Tariff and update Tariff Section 8.07, Calculation of Carrying Charge, to include the STEP surcharge.

²¹ *Application of Dominion Energy Utah for Approval of a Natural Gas Clean Air Project and Funding for the Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center*, Docket No. 19-057-33, Order Approving Settlement Stipulation issued August 31, 2020.

²² STEP Surcharge Application, DEU Exhibit 1.4 (DEU proposed Utah Natural Gas Tariff Section 2.18).

According to DEU, it will update the STEP surcharge allocation percentages in the fall of 2020 and again in the fall of 2021, consistent with the PSC-approved phased increase in the 2020 GRC when the allocation percentages are adjusted.²³

DPU Supports the Application, and No Party Opposes It.

DPU states that approval of the STEP Surcharge Application will result in an increase to the annual bill of a typical GS customer using 80 Dth per year, of \$0.33 or 0.05 percent. Further, DPU states that the STEP Surcharge Application, including the carrying charge, complies with the PSC order. DPU states that the accompanying Tariff sheets are consistent with the STEP Surcharge Application. DPU also testified the rates proposed are just and reasonable for Utah customers, and approval of the STEP Surcharge Application is in the public interest.

Accordingly, DPU recommends the PSC approve the requested rate change, effective November 1, 2020. No party opposed the STEP Surcharge Application.

Summary of the Combined Net Rate Change, Assuming Approval of All Applications.

According to DPU, approval of the combined requested rate changes consistent with their corresponding applications, will result in an increase to the annual bill of a typical GS residential customer using 80 Dth per year, of \$27.74 or 4.33 percent:

191 Account Application:	\$28.40 increase or 4.44%
Transportation Imbalance Charge Application:	— <i>Not Applicable</i> —
Conservation Enabling Tariff Application:	\$3.24 increase, or 0.51%
Low Income/Energy Assistance Application:	\$0.03 increase, or 0.00%
Energy Efficiency Application:	\$4.36 decrease, or (0.68)%
STEP Application:	<u>\$0.33 increase, or 0.05%</u>
<i>Combined Impact:</i>	<i>\$27.74 increase, or 4.33%.</i>

²³ STEP Surcharge Application at 3, ¶ 3.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSION, AND ORDER

A. The Interim Rate Applications.

1. *Evidentiary Support for Proposed Interim Rate Changes*

DEU offered sworn testimony and reasonably detailed documentation and calculations summarizing the costs it seeks to recover or the rate decrease it seeks to implement related to the Interim Rate Applications. DPU supports the requested rate changes, and no party offered any evidence in opposition. Further, we note the quality and kind of evidence submitted with the Interim Rate Applications is substantially similar to the evidence DEU has submitted to support its interim rate applications in prior years, which subsequent audits have historically shown to be generally accurate.

Accordingly, we find substantial evidence supports our conclusion that the requested rate changes for interim rates that DEU seeks in the 191 Account Application, the TIC Application and the Energy Efficiency Application pertain to prudently incurred costs and are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. We grant the requests on an interim basis to ensure the purpose of the referenced accounts are fully realized such that DEU recovers no more from customers (or less) than the costs it actually incurs. The rates may, therefore, be “trued up” after DPU completes its audit, though we anticipate such changes will be minor.

2. *The 191 Account Application*

Based on DEU’s 191 Application and DPU’s comments, and the testimony and evidence presented at hearing, we find the requested change is just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Because DPU has not completed an audit of the individual entries and the credits to the 191

Account, we conclude our historical practice of granting this request on an interim basis is appropriate until an audit is complete.

Further and based on DEU's testimony at hearing and DPU's support, we also find application of the RIN credit to the NGV rate schedule is reasonable. We encourage DEU to continue to evaluate other methods to more transparently account for the NGV RIN credit in the 191 Account model, rather than the method it used in this case in which it recognized the credit through the commodity portion of the test year forecast. In addition, in the next filing we request DEU provide additional information about Bluesource, including any contract between DEU and Bluesource, and any other related contract.

3. The TIC Application

Based on DEU's TIC Application and DPU's comments, and the testimony and evidence presented at hearing, we find the requested change is just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Because DPU has not completed an audit of the individual entries and the credits to the 191 Account, we conclude our historical practice of granting this request on an interim basis is appropriate until an audit is complete.

4. The Energy Efficiency Application

Based on DEU's application and exhibits, DPU's comments, and the testimony and evidence presented at hearing, the PSC finds the rates DEU requests in the Energy Efficiency Application are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Because DPU has not completed an audit of the individual entries and the credits to the Energy Efficiency Balancing Account, we

conclude our historical practice of granting this request on an interim basis is appropriate until an audit is complete.

B. Applications for Final Rates.

1. *The CET Application and Energy Assistance Program Applications*

Based on DEU's applications and exhibits, DPU's comments, and the testimony and evidence presented at hearing, the PSC finds the rates DEU requests in the CET Application and Energy Assistance Program Application are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Based on DPU's recommendation and our review of the filings, we find these changes do not require an audit and, therefore, the PSC approves these requests as final rates.

2. *The STEP Surcharge Application*

Based on DEU's application and exhibits, DPU's comments, and the testimony and evidence presented at hearing, the PSC finds DEU's request to establish the STEP Surcharge and the STEP Balancing Account, DEU's proposed revisions to Sections 2.18 and 8.07 of its Tariff, and the associated STEP surcharge rates are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Based on DEU's request during the hearing, DPU's recommendation, and our review of the filings, we find that, as proposed, the proposed revisions do not require an audit and, therefore, the PSC approves the requested rates as final.

Therefore, we order:

1. The rates proposed in Docket Nos. 20-057-14, 20-057-15, and 20-057-18 are approved on an interim basis, effective November 1, 2020, pending the results of DPU's forthcoming audits;
2. The rates proposed in Docket Nos. 20-057-16, 20-057-17, and 20-057-19 are approved as final, effective November 1, 2020.
3. The proposed tariff modifications in the six applications described above are approved, effective November 1, 2020.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 30, 2020.

/s/ Yvonne R. Hogle
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed October 30, 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 written 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 October 30, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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