

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Motion of Dominion Energy Utah for Approval to Deviate from Applicable Tariff Provisions and Commission Rules in Response to COVID-19	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-057-T03</u> <u>ORDER GRANTING SECOND MOTION</u>
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ISSUED: November 2, 2020

On October 30, 2020, Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) filed a Second Motion and Request for Expedited Treatment (“Second Motion”) with the Public Service Commission (PSC). In the Second Motion, DEU requests PSC approval to temporarily deviate from certain provisions of its Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500 (“Tariff”) and Utah Administrative Code R746 in response to the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic. The basic purposes of the temporary deviations are to minimize exposure risk to DEU’s customers and employees.

According to DEU, its Tariff provides that when natural gas service is initiated or changed from one party to another at a premise, DEU will offer connection alternatives.<sup>1</sup> Under Section 8.03 of the Tariff, DEU offers the following connection alternatives: full, limited, and read-only. The limited and read-only connection alternatives do not require DEU personnel to enter the customer’s home. DEU proposes to temporarily discontinue the full connection option and states that relatively few customers request this connection alternative. DEU requests leave to deviate from applicable Tariff provisions or PSC rules consistent with the Second Motion, during the pendency of the COVID-19 state of emergency,<sup>2</sup> in order to take steps identified in the Second Motion to ensure the safety of its customers and employees.

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<sup>1</sup> See Dominion Energy Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500, Section 8.03.

<sup>2</sup> On March 6, 2020, Utah Governor Gary Herbert declared a state of emergency in Utah related to COVID-19. Since that time, the number of residents of Utah who have tested positive for COVID-19 has grown.

DEU states it will notify the PSC in this docket when it intends to resume its normal business practices. DEU states it has communicated with the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Office of Consumer Services (OCS) and both agencies support the Second Motion.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on our review of the Second Motion, the exigent circumstances regarding the COVID-19 pandemic including the current state of emergency, and DEU's statement that DPU and OCS support the Second Motion, we find the Second Motion is in the public interest and therefore we approve it.

ORDER

- 1) We approve the Second Motion as filed, effective October 30, 2020, and
- 2) DEU shall timely notify the PSC when it intends to resume its normal business practices.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2, 2020.

/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 November 2, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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