

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Account for the Excess Deferred Income Tax Amortization between January 2019 – March 2020	<u>DOCKET NO. 21-057-10</u>
	<u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: May 27, 2022

SYNOPSIS

The Public Service Commission (PSC) acknowledges Dominion Energy Utah’s (DEU) request to remove the tax surcredit 3 (“Application”) filed in the referenced docket and approves DEU’s proposed tariff sheets, effective June 1, 2022.

Our approval of DEU’s proposed rates results in a decrease to the monthly bill of a typical GS residential customer using 80 decatherms (Dth) of natural gas, of \$0.06, or 0.09 percent, from current rates.

BACKGROUND

DEU filed the Application on April 29, 2022 and proposes a discrete rate change and modification to DEU’s Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 500 (“Tariff”), effective June 1, 2022.

On the same day, the PSC issued an Action Request, and on May 9, 2022, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments and recommendations regarding the Application.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

In its February 25, 2020 Report and Order in Docket No. 19-057-02,¹ the PSC authorized DEU to extend Tax Surcredit 3 by 12 months, until May 31, 2021, to refund customers approximately \$3.6 million. According to DEU, the \$3.6 million refund reflected a forecasted amount of \$4,698,447 for the amortization of the protected plant-related EDIT for the period January 1, 2019 through March 1, 2020, less an adjustment of \$1,097,748 for an over-

¹ *Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications*, Docket No. 19-057-02, Order issued February 25, 2020.

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amortization of the 2018 amount.² As a result, DEU proposed to modify Tax Surcredit 3 in order to collect the \$1 million over-amortization beginning June 1, 2021 and ending on May 31, 2022. According to DEU, there will be a small balance left at the end of the EDIT amortization period which will be included in the infrastructure rate adjustment mechanism in the fall of 2022 (“Infrastructure RAM”).

DPU Supports Removing Tax Surcredit 3.

DPU recommends the PSC approve DEU’s proposed modifications to Tariff Sections 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 4.02, 5.02, and 5.04 reflecting the removal of Tax Surcredit 3. Based on its investigation, DPU believes the proposed Tariff modifications are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. DPU also states that it expects DEU, in compliance with the Order dated May 28, 2021 in this docket, to submit the final accounting and adjustment of EDIT in the Infrastructure RAM.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on DEU’s Application, and DPU’s comments and recommendations, we find that substantial evidence exists to conclude that the rates proposed in Docket No. 21-057-10 are just, reasonable, and in the public interest.

ORDER

Therefore, we acknowledge DEU’s Application and approve the modifications to DEU’s Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 500 Sections 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 4.02, 5.02, and 5.04.

² See DEU Application Exhibit 1.1 filed April 30, 2021.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 27, 2022.

/s/ Yvonne R. Hogle
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed May 27, 2022, 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 May 27, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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