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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY UTAH FOR A SUBSCRIPTION-BASED CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM	Docket No. 21-057-14 SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
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Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-1, Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy or Company), the Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division), and the Utah Office of Consumer Services (Office) (collectively the Parties) submit this Settlement Stipulation in resolution of the issues raised in this docket. The Utah Association of Energy Users (UAE) has authorized the Parties to represent that it does not object to this Settlement Stipulation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

1. On June 30, 2021, Dominion Energy filed an Application in this docket (Application) seeking the Public Service Commission of Utah's (Commission) approval of a voluntary subscription-based carbon offset program (the Program). Under the voluntary Program, Dominion Energy's customers would have the opportunity to pay a surcharge on their monthly bill that would fund the purchase of various carbon mitigating activities to offset the carbon emissions from their natural gas usage. The Application was accompanied by the pre-filed direct testimony of Jordan K. Stephenson.

2. On July 9, 2021, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order, Notice of Technical Conference and Notice of Hearing setting forth deadlines and providing notice of the scheduled hearing in this docket.

3. On July 9, 2021, UAE filed a Motion to Intervene in this docket, and on August 2, 2021, the Commission granted that motion.

4. On July 13, 2021, the Commission held a technical conference in this matter where the Company presented information pertaining to the Application and the Program. The Division, the Office, and the UAE were present for the technical conference.

5. On August 13, 2021, the Division filed Comments and on August 17, 2021, the Office filed Comments. No other party filed Comments.

6. Since that time, the Parties have engaged in settlement discussions. The Parties have reached a settlement agreement, as set forth below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

7. In settlement of the matters raised in this docket, the Parties submit this Settlement Stipulation for the Commission's approval and adoption.

8. The Parties agree for purposes of settlement that the Application should be approved, with the additional requirements set forth herein.

9. The Parties agree for the purpose of this settlement that the Company will include local emission benefits for Utah ratepayers as a preferential factor to be considered when the Company selects a carbon offset project for the Program.

10. The Parties agree for purposes of settlement that the Company will work with the Office and the Division to create and provide clear, understandable, and transparent marketing materials and other information to customers about the Program. The materials will include information that clearly delineates between the Company's existing GreenTherm program and the voluntary carbon-offset Program.

11. The Parties agree for purposes of settlement that the Company will maintain information about the Program on its website. The website will include detail about the specific carbon offset projects selected by the Company including but not limited to, location, technology used and portfolio composition.

12. The Parties agree for purposes of settlement that the Company will provide all customers who participate in the Program with an annual report. The Company will work with the Division and the Office to determine the appropriate form and contents of the annual report to customers.

13. The Parties agree for purposes of settlement that the Company will include monthly financial activity in the Program with the Company's monthly Financial Packet that is provided to the Commission, the Division, and the Office. The monthly Financial Packet will include detail about the administrative costs of the Program, as well as the total Program costs.

14. The Parties agree for purposes of settlement that each year the Company will file an annual report with the Commission showing the costs of the Program, revenues associated with the Program, participation levels, carbon offsets sold during the reporting year. The Company will collaborate with the Division and Office to determine the content and form of the report.

15. The Parties agree for purposes of settlement certain modifications should be made to the language the Company proposed to include in its Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500 (Tariff). Specifically, Settlement Stipulation Exhibit A, which is attached hereto, shows the recommended Tariff language in legislative and clean formats.

GENERAL

16. The Parties agree that settlement of those issues identified above is in the public interest and that the results are just and reasonable.

17. The Parties have reached a full and final resolution of those issues identified in this docket.

18. The Parties agree that no part of this Settlement Stipulation, or the formulae or methods used in developing the same, or a Commission order approving the same, shall in any manner be argued or considered as precedential in any future case. This Settlement Stipulation does not resolve, does not provide any inferences regarding, and the Parties are free to take any position with respect to, any issues not specifically identified and settled herein. All negotiations related to this Settlement Stipulation are confidential and subject to the applicable rules of evidence, including Utah R. Evid. 408, and no Party shall be bound by any position asserted in negotiations not specifically identified and settled herein. Neither the execution of

this Settlement Stipulation nor an order adopting it shall be deemed to constitute an admission or acknowledgment by any Party of the validity or invalidity of any principle or practice of ratemaking or of innovative utility programs under Utah Code §§ 54-20-101 through -107; nor shall they be construed to constitute the basis of an estoppel or waiver by any Party; nor shall they be introduced or used as evidence for any other purpose in a future proceeding by any Party except in a proceeding to enforce this Settlement Stipulation.

19. Dominion Energy, Division and the Office will, and the UAE may, each make one or more witnesses available to explain and support this Settlement Stipulation to the Commission. Such witnesses will be available for examination. The Parties shall support the Commission's approval of the Settlement Stipulation. As applied to the Division and the Office, the explanation and support shall be consistent with their statutory authority and responsibility. So that the record in this docket is complete, the Parties agree to recommend that all pleadings, comments, and action request responses that have been filed in this docket be admitted as evidence.

20. The Parties agree that, if any person challenges the approval of this Settlement Stipulation or requests rehearing or reconsideration of any order of the Commission approving this Settlement Stipulation, each Party will use its best efforts to support the terms and conditions of the Settlement Stipulation. As applied to the Division and the Office, the phrase "use its best efforts" means that they shall do so in a manner consistent with their statutory authority and responsibility. In the event any person seeks judicial review of a Commission order approving this Settlement Stipulation, no Party shall take a position in that judicial review opposed to the Settlement Stipulation.

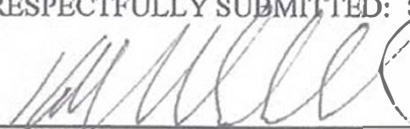
21. Except with regard to the obligations of the Parties under Paragraphs 19, 20, and 21 of this Settlement Stipulation, this Settlement Stipulation shall not be final and binding on the Parties until it has been approved without material change or condition by the Commission. This Settlement Stipulation is an integrated whole, and either Party may withdraw from it if it is not approved without material change or condition by the Commission or if the Commission's approval is rejected or materially conditioned by a reviewing court. If the Commission rejects any part of this Settlement Stipulation or imposes any material change or condition on approval of this Settlement Stipulation, or if the Commission's approval of this Settlement Stipulation is rejected or materially conditioned by a reviewing court, the Parties agree to meet and discuss the applicable Commission or court order within five business days of its issuance and to attempt in good faith to determine if they are willing to modify the Settlement Stipulation consistent with the order. No Party shall withdraw from the Settlement Stipulation prior to complying with the foregoing sentence. If any Party withdraws from the Settlement Stipulation, the remaining Parties retain the right to seek additional procedures before the Commission, including presentation of testimony and cross-examination of witnesses and no Party shall be bound or prejudiced by the terms and conditions of the Settlement Stipulation.

22. This Settlement Stipulation may be executed by individual Parties through two or more separate, conformed copies, the aggregate of which will be considered as an integrated instrument.

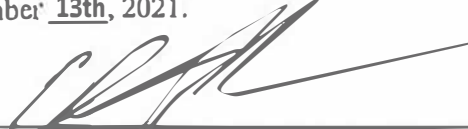
RELIEF REQUESTED

Based on the foregoing, the Parties request that the Commission issue an order approving this Settlement Stipulation and adopting its terms and conditions.


RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: September 13th, 2021.



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8.07 CALCULATION OF CARRYING CHARGE

On or before March 1 of each year, the Company shall calculate an annual carrying charge and file a letter with the Commission reflecting this rate, to be effective on April 1 of each year. This charge shall be based on the average annual Aaa and Baa Corporate interest rates for the preceding calendar year. The calculated rate shall be applied to the following accounts:

- 182.3 Pipeline Integrity Management (TIMP & DIMP)
- 182.4 Energy Efficiency Account
- 182.45 Sustainable Transportation Energy Plan (STEP)
- 191.1 Gas Pass Through Costs Account
- 191.4 Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Balancing Account
- 191.5 Voluntary Carbon Offset Balancing Account
- 191.8 Energy Assistance Account
- 191.9 Conservation Enabling Tariff
- 235.1 Customer Deposits

The current effective interest rate is 3.88%.

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8.10 VOLUNTARY CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Program is a voluntary program that provides a customer the option to purchase blocks of carbon offsets.

APPLICABILITY

All Dominion Energy customers shall be eligible to participate in the program, subject to Special Condition #2 below. Customers may begin or end participation at any point.

DEFINITIONS

Block refers to 0.3533 metric tons of CO₂e offset via Carbon Offset purchases.

Carbon Offset refers to a product representing a quantified reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by a mitigating activity. Carbon Offsets are measured in metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent (CO₂e).

ADMINISTRATION

Funds received from customers participating in this program will be used to make purchases of carbon offsets and to cover administrative costs (including but not limited to program marketing, labor costs, and information technology).

SURCHARGE

The monthly surcharge is \$5.00 per Block of Carbon Offset

Customers may elect to purchase one or more Blocks. Charges under this program will appear as a line-item on each participating customer's bill. The surcharge will be calculated by multiplying the number of Blocks the Customer has agreed to purchase by the charge per Block set forth herein. The surcharge will be based on the customer's requested contribution, and will not be based on actual energy consumption. Changes to a customer's bill reflecting new or canceled Blocks will take effect 30 days after election or cancellation, and will appear on the next bill thereafter.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Customers may subscribe to or unsubscribe from program at any time throughout the year.
2. Customers who have, in the most recent twelve-month period (a) received a shut-off notice, (b) entered into a payment agreement with the Company for a delinquent bill, or (c) have had service terminated are not eligible to participate in this program.
3. To ensure that all costs and activities associated with this program are paid for by program participants, all funds will be separately identified, and tracked within the approved balancing

account. Activity in the balancing account will be filed with the Commission annually to allow interested parties to review all costs for appropriateness and prudence.

CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM BALANCING ACCOUNT

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Program Balancing Account will include the following costs and expenses:

1. Customer contributions
2. Administrative costs
3. Interest expense
4. Expenses associated with the purchase of carbon offsets

TWO-WAY CARRYING CHARGE

An annual interest rate, as described in § 8.07 Calculation of Carrying Charge, shall be applied to the Voluntary Carbon Offset Balancing Account (Account 191.5) as adjusted for the corresponding tax deferral balance in Account 283. Interest will be assessed on the monthly balance of this account.

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GLOSSARY

This Glossary is intended for convenience and reference use only. The operational provisions of this Tariff are controlling in any case where there is an inconsistency.

A**account**

A record of gas service as established by the Company upon acceptance of a customer's application for meter turn-on, see also, definition of "customer".

actual billing days

The number of days from the customer's previous meter read to the current meter read.

administrative charge

A charge based on administrative costs for transportation service rate schedules.

advice letter

Letter notifying Utah Tariff holders of a Tariff sheet change.

annual historical use

The actual quantity of natural gas (Dth) used by a customer during an annual contract term.

annual load factor

See "load factor".

applicant

A prospective customer who applies for a main extension, service line and meter, or meter turn-on.

application

Main Extension Application--Written request completed on the Company's main extension application form for an extension of an existing main, either by the property owner or designated agent.

Service Line Application--Written request completed on the Company's service line application form for installation of a service line and meter, either by the property owner or designated agent.

Gas Service Application--Applicant's written, telephoned, or electronically transmitted request for initiation of gas service.

Interruptible Sales Service Application--Written request on Company's Service Agreement form to participate in the Company's interruptible sales service.

Approved Receipt Point

The Primary Receipt Point identified in a customer's Transportation Service Agreement and is used to determine the priority of service for any nominations made pursuant to that contract.

Alternate Receipt Point

The receipt point in addition to the Approved Receipt Point, identified in a customer's Transportation Service Agreement and is used to determine the priority of service for any nominations made pursuant to that contract.

B**base load**

Gas required for non-seasonal purposes, such as water heating and cooking.

Basic Service Fee (BSF)

A fixed charge, determined by the applicable BSF category, that is charged periodically to a customer without regard to consumption.

Basic Service Fee (BSF) Category

Grouping of meters into four separate categories of capacity and cost. Used to determine applicable BSF charge.

billing month

Period of approximately 30 days upon which the customer's gas consumption is computed and bills are rendered.

block break point

The point at which volumes of billed Dth are charged at the next block rate in a declining block rate structure.

Btu

A British thermal unit, equivalent to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

Budget Plan and Budget Plan Year

Monthly payment plan available to a General Service customer under which the customer's estimated annual billing is divided into 12 monthly payments. The 12-month period that begins when a customer initiates or renews the budget plan.

business day

Week days exclusive of Company observed holidays.

C**calculated bill**

A bill based on estimated usage. The estimate is derived from prior and current usage by customers within the same region with similar consumption patterns and time periods.

calorimeter

An apparatus for measuring the heating value of a fuel.

capacity release

The temporary assignment of capacity held by the Company on an upstream pipeline. Capacity release will be offered on a "pre-arranged" basis, by a posting on the upstream pipeline electronic bulletin board or as otherwise required by the upstream pipeline FERC approved Tariff.

carbon offset

A product that represents a quantified reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by a mitigating activity. Carbon offsets are typically measured in metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent (CO₂e).

commercial customer

Type of customer using natural gas service for space heating, air conditioning, water heating, clothes drying, cooking, or other applications in either a place of business engaged primarily in the sale of goods or services (including educational and health care institutions, local, state and federal government agencies, etc.).

Commission

Public Service Commission of Utah.

commodity cost

The portion of a sales service rate that recovers costs of gas consumed.

Company

Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah.

confirmation

Is a process by which nominations are verified with upstream parties. If the verified capacity is greater than or equal to the total nominated quantities, all nominated quantities are scheduled. If verified capacity is less than nominated quantities, nominated quantities will be allocated according to priority of service, see "scheduled quantity".

connection fee

A charge imposed to cover the average costs associated with initiation or reinstatement of service. Additional charges will be assessed in cases of unauthorized use.

contract term

The period of time specified in an agreement between the customer and the Company for which service will be provided and received.

contribution in aid of construction

That portion of total construction costs, over and above any allowances given by the Company, that is paid by the customer prior to commencement of construction of a main extension and/or service line.

customer

Individual, firm or organization classified as either a residential, commercial or industrial customer purchasing and/or transporting natural gas from the Company at each point of delivery, under each rate classification, contract, or schedule. See also definition of "account".

D

daily contract limit

Contracted peak winter day use or other limit specified in customer's contract.

daily mean temperature

The sum of the high and low temperatures of the day divided by two.

deferred payments agreement (DPA)

An installment payment plan by which a residential customer can pay a delinquent bill over a period of up to 12 months.

degree-day (heating)

Heating degree day is a term that refers to a measurement of how far the average temperature extends below the base temperature of 65° Fahrenheit. The time period measured is normally a 24-hour day. It is a measurement that is used to calculate weather normalized usage. The heating degree day measurement is calculated by taking the difference between 65° Fahrenheit and average temperature for the period. Any positive difference means that the average temperature was below the base, and this difference is the heating degree days measurement for the period. Any negative difference means that the average temperature was above the base; in this case, the heating degree days measurement is zero.

degree-day variance

The difference between an accumulation of heating degree days for the billing period and the normal heating degree days for the same period.

degree-day factor

An average measurement of gas usage per degree-day unit.

dekatherm (Dth)

A unit of heat equal to 1,000,000 British thermal units (Btu)

delivered pressure

The pressure (psia) of the natural gas as it enters the meter.

demand charge

The portion of a rate for gas service that is based on the maximum or peak-day needs of each customer.

discontinuance

Discontinuance of service is at the customer's request as opposed to termination of service by the Company for nonpayment or breach of contract.

E

Extension Area Charge (EAC)

A monthly charge applicable in service extension areas in lieu of a lump sum non-refundable payment to be paid over a period of years and approved by the Commission.

F

firm service

Type of service offered to qualifying customers under a schedule or contract that anticipates no interruptions.

firm transportation service

Firm transportation service offered to any qualifying customer under the TBF, TSF or MT rate schedules.

fixed charges

A fixed rate billed monthly for each standard billing period, 12 charges per year based on a 30-day billing period. Billing periods under 30 days will be prorated in accordance to applicable Basic Service Fee and actual billing days, see § 8.02.

fuel line

The gas piping owned and maintained by the customer between the meter and gas-operated equipment.

fuel reimbursement

Reimbursement collected by redelivering 1.5% less volumes than were received into the Company's distribution system for transportation service.

G

gas daily market index price

Daily index price of gas delivered from the pipeline immediately upstream from the city gate(s) as published in Platt's for Gas Daily for the day in which the imbalance or gas purchase occurred. If Platt's Gas Daily publication is not available, then the Company will determine a daily market index price using a similar index, publication, or comparable methodology.

gas balancing account adjustment provisions

Provision for balancing the Company's actual purchased gas costs against the amount collected in rates. Also known as the "191 Account."

general service customer

A customer receiving service under the Company's GS rate schedule.

I

imbalance

A condition occurring when an interruptible transportation customer has a different amount of its own gas delivered into the Company's distribution system than is used less fuel reimbursement at the meter serving his premises.

imbalance tolerance

A level of imbalance which customers are allowed under the balancing provisions, see § 5.06.

industrial customer

Type of customer generally defined as manufacturing, construction, mining, agriculture, fishing, and forestry establishments, and includes the generation of electricity.

input rating

The designed rate of fuel acceptance by a burner, usually expressed in Btu per hour.

interconnect point

A point where customer-owned gas is received into the Company's distribution system.

interruption

Period when gas service is unavailable to interruptible customers; or period when emergency sales restrictions apply to customers because of a major disaster or pipeline break.

interruptible sales service

Interruptible sales service offered to any qualifying customers under the IS schedule.

interruptible transportation service

Interruptible transportation service offered to any qualifying customer under the TS transportation schedule.

L

load factor

The ratio of the average usage requirement to the maximum winter usage requirement e.g., average daily usage divided by the usage on the peak winter day. See the Classification Provisions for each rate schedule for the definition applicable to interruptible sales service customers.

M

main

Distribution supply line to which service lines may be connected for delivery to ultimate consumers. Mains generally run under city streets and do not cross the customer's property line.

master meter

A single meter used to measure the volume of gas delivered to multiple residential or commercial units, mobile home parks, or separate permanent structures.

maximum daily usage

The largest volume of gas delivered to a customer in one 24-hour period ending at 12 p.m.

meter

An instrument for measuring and indicating, or recording, the volume of gas that has passed through it.

minimum bill

Charge for having connected service even if no gas or less than a specified minimum amount of gas is used during the billing period.

minimum charge

Charge for having connected service even if no gas or less than a specified minimum amount of gas is used during the applicable period.

mobile home

A residential dwelling with a "T" code in the Company's billing records.

monthly market index price

Monthly market index price is the first-of-the-month index price of gas delivered from the pipeline immediately upstream from the city gate(s) as reported in Platts Energy Trader for the month in which the imbalance or gas purchase occurred. If the Platts Energy Trader publication is not available, then the Company will determine a monthly market index price using a similar index, publication, or comparable methodology.

multi-family dwelling

Residential buildings designated with an "A" code in the Company's billing records, which includes structures with two or more dwelling units.

Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax (MET)

A tax levied by a municipality on the sale or use of natural gas or electricity.

N

NGV

Natural gas powered vehicles.

nomination

A request by a specific Transportation Service customer or that customer's authorized supplier/agent (nominating party) to have a physical quantity of customer-owned gas delivered to a specific Company receipt point(s) for a specific gas day or period. Nominations are not considered final until confirmed by the applicable Transportation Service Provider, see "confirmation".

non-registering meter

A meter that, upon reading, incorrectly indicates usage has not occurred or the usage registered is so minimal as to require a laboratory test for confirmation.

O

overrun

Volumes burned in excess of daily contract limit.

P

peak winter day

Customer's actual peak winter daily usage during the three most recently completed calendar years. When actual daily use is not available, the peak winter day will be estimated by multiplying the average daily usage for the customer's peak winter month by 1.4.

psia

Pounds per square inch absolute.

point of delivery

Outlet of the Company's meter installed to supply the customer with contracted service.

premises

An individually metered place of residence such as a single family dwelling or an apartment unit.

R

rate schedule

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8.07 CALCULATION OF CARRYING CHARGE

On or before March 1 of each year, the Company shall calculate an annual carrying charge and file a letter with the Commission reflecting this rate, to be effective on April 1 of each year. This charge shall be based on the average annual Aaa and Baa Corporate interest rates for the preceding calendar year. The calculated rate shall be applied to the following accounts:

- 182.3 Pipeline Integrity Management (TIMP & DIMP)
- 182.4 Energy Efficiency Account
- 182.45 Sustainable Transportation Energy Plan (STEP)
- 191.1 Gas Pass Through Costs Account
- 191.4 Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Balancing Account
- 191.5 Voluntary Carbon Offset Balancing Account
- 191.8 Energy Assistance Account
- 191.9 Conservation Enabling Tariff
- 235.1 Customer Deposits

The current effective interest rate is 3.88%.

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8.10 VOLUNTARY CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Program is a voluntary program that provides a customer the option to purchase blocks of carbon offsets.

APPLICABILITY

All Dominion Energy customers shall be eligible to participate in the program, subject to Special Condition #2 below. Customers may begin or end participation at any point.

DEFINITIONS

Block refers to 0.3533 metric tons of CO₂e offset via Carbon Offset purchases.

Carbon Offset refers to a product representing a quantified reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by a mitigating activity. Carbon Offsets are measured in metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent (CO₂e).

ADMINISTRATION

Funds received from customers participating in this program will be used to make purchases of carbon offsets and to cover administrative costs (including but not limited to program marketing, labor costs, and information technology).

SURCHARGE

The monthly surcharge is \$5.00 per Block of Carbon Offset

Customers may elect to purchase one or more Blocks. Charges under this program will appear as a line-item on each participating customer's bill. The surcharge will be calculated by multiplying the number of Blocks the Customer has agreed to purchase by the charge per Block set forth herein. The surcharge will be based on the customer's requested contribution, and will not be based on actual energy consumption. Changes to a customer's bill reflecting new or canceled Blocks will take effect 30 days after election or cancellation, and will appear on the next bill thereafter.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Customers may subscribe to or unsubscribe from program at any time throughout the year.
2. Customers who have, in the most recent twelve-month period (a) received a shut-off notice, (b) entered into a payment agreement with the Company for a delinquent bill, or (c) have had service terminated are not eligible to participate in this program.
3. To ensure that all costs and activities associated with this program are paid for by program participants, all funds will be separately identified, and tracked within the approved balancing

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account. Activity in the balancing account will be filed with the Commission annually to allow interested parties to review all costs for appropriateness and prudence.

CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM BALANCING ACCOUNT

The Voluntary Carbon Offset Program Balancing Account will include the following costs and expenses:

1. Customer contributions
2. Administrative costs
3. Interest expense
4. Expenses associated with the purchase of carbon offsets

TWO-WAY CARRYING CHARGE

An annual interest rate, as described in § 8.07 Calculation of Carrying Charge, shall be applied to the Voluntary Carbon Offset Balancing Account (Account 191.5) as adjusted for the corresponding tax deferral balance in Account 283. Interest will be assessed on the monthly balance of this account.

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GLOSSARY

This Glossary is intended for convenience and reference use only. The operational provisions of this Tariff are controlling in any case where there is an inconsistency.

A

account

A record of gas service as established by the Company upon acceptance of a customer's application for meter turn-on, see also, definition of "customer".

actual billing days

The number of days from the customer's previous meter read to the current meter read.

administrative charge

A charge based on administrative costs for transportation service rate schedules.

advice letter

Letter notifying Utah Tariff holders of a Tariff sheet change.

annual historical use

The actual quantity of natural gas (Dth) used by a customer during an annual contract term.

annual load factor

See "load factor".

applicant

A prospective customer who applies for a main extension, service line and meter, or meter turn-on.

application

Main Extension Application--Written request completed on the Company's main extension application form for an extension of an existing main, either by the property owner or designated agent.

Service Line Application--Written request completed on the Company's service line application form for installation of a service line and meter, either by the property owner or designated agent.

Gas Service Application--Applicant's written, telephoned, or electronically transmitted request for initiation of gas service.

Interruptible Sales Service Application--Written request on Company's Service Agreement form to participate in the Company's interruptible sales service.

Approved Receipt Point

The Primary Receipt Point identified in a customer's Transportation Service Agreement and is used to determine the priority of service for any nominations made pursuant to that contract.

Alternate Receipt Point

The receipt point in addition to the Approved Receipt Point, identified in a customer's Transportation Service Agreement and is used to determine the priority of service for any nominations made pursuant to that contract.

B**base load**

Gas required for non-seasonal purposes, such as water heating and cooking.

Basic Service Fee (BSF)

A fixed charge, determined by the applicable BSF category, that is charged periodically to a customer without regard to consumption.

Basic Service Fee (BSF) Category

Grouping of meters into four separate categories of capacity and cost. Used to determine applicable BSF charge.

billing month

Period of approximately 30 days upon which the customer's gas consumption is computed and bills are rendered.

block break point

The point at which volumes of billed Dth are charged at the next block rate in a declining block rate structure.

Btu

A British thermal unit, equivalent to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit.

Budget Plan and Budget Plan Year

Monthly payment plan available to a General Service customer under which the customer's estimated annual billing is divided into 12 monthly payments. The 12-month period that begins when a customer initiates or renews the budget plan.

business day

Week days exclusive of Company observed holidays.

C**calculated bill**

A bill based on estimated usage. The estimate is derived from prior and current usage by customers within the same region with similar consumption patterns and time periods.

calorimeter

An apparatus for measuring the heating value of a fuel.

capacity release

The temporary assignment of capacity held by the Company on an upstream pipeline. Capacity release will be offered on a "pre-arranged" basis, by a posting on the upstream pipeline electronic bulletin board or as otherwise required by the upstream pipeline FERC approved Tariff.

carbon offset

A product that represents a quantified reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by a mitigating activity. Carbon offsets are typically measured in metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent (CO₂e).

commercial customer

Type of customer using natural gas service for space heating, air conditioning, water heating, clothes drying, cooking, or other applications in either a place of business engaged primarily in the sale of goods or services (including educational and health care institutions, local, state and federal government agencies, etc.).

Commission

Public Service Commission of Utah.

commodity cost

The portion of a sales service rate that recovers costs of gas consumed.

Company

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confirmation

Is a process by which nominations are verified with upstream parties. If the verified capacity is greater than or equal to the total nominated quantities, all nominated quantities are scheduled. If verified capacity is less than nominated quantities, nominated quantities will be allocated according to priority of service, see "scheduled quantity".

connection fee

A charge imposed to cover the average costs associated with initiation or reinstatement of service. Additional charges will be assessed in cases of unauthorized use.

contract term

The period of time specified in an agreement between the customer and the Company for which service will be provided and received.

contribution in aid of construction

That portion of total construction costs, over and above any allowances given by the Company, that is paid by the customer prior to commencement of construction of a main extension and/or service line.

customer

Individual, firm or organization classified as either a residential, commercial or industrial customer purchasing and/or transporting natural gas from the Company at each point of delivery, under each rate classification, contract, or schedule. See also definition of "account".

D

daily contract limit

Contracted peak winter day use or other limit specified in customer's contract.

daily mean temperature

The sum of the high and low temperatures of the day divided by two.

deferred payments agreement (DPA)

An installment payment plan by which a residential customer can pay a delinquent bill over a period of up to 12 months.

degree-day (heating)

Heating degree day is a term that refers to a measurement of how far the average temperature extends below the base temperature of 65° Fahrenheit. The time period measured is normally a 24-hour day. It is a measurement that is used to calculate weather normalized usage. The heating degree day measurement is calculated by taking the difference between 65° Fahrenheit and average temperature for the period. Any positive difference means that the average temperature was below the base, and this difference is the heating degree days measurement for the period. Any negative difference means that the average temperature was above the base; in this case, the heating degree days measurement is zero.

degree-day variance

The difference between an accumulation of heating degree days for the billing period and the normal heating degree days for the same period.

degree-day factor

An average measurement of gas usage per degree-day unit.

dekatherm (Dth)

A unit of heat equal to 1,000,000 British thermal units (Btu)

delivered pressure

The pressure (psia) of the natural gas as it enters the meter.

demand charge

The portion of a rate for gas service that is based on the maximum or peak-day needs of each customer.

discontinuance

Discontinuance of service is at the customer's request as opposed to termination of service by the Company for nonpayment or breach of contract.

E

Extension Area Charge (EAC)

A monthly charge applicable in service extension areas in lieu of a lump sum non-refundable payment to be paid over a period of years and approved by the Commission.

F

firm service

Type of service offered to qualifying customers under a schedule or contract that anticipates no interruptions.

firm transportation service

Firm transportation service offered to any qualifying customer under the TBF, TSF or MT rate schedules.

fixed charges

A fixed rate billed monthly for each standard billing period, 12 charges per year based on a 30-day billing period. Billing periods under 30 days will be prorated in accordance to applicable Basic Service Fee and actual billing days, see § 8.02.

fuel line

The gas piping owned and maintained by the customer between the meter and gas-operated equipment.

fuel reimbursement

Reimbursement collected by redelivering 1.5% less volumes than were received into the Company's distribution system for transportation service.

G

gas daily market index price

Daily index price of gas delivered from the pipeline immediately upstream from the city gate(s) as published in Platt's for Gas Daily for the day in which the imbalance or gas purchase occurred. If Platt's Gas Daily publication is not available, then the Company will determine a daily market index price using a similar index, publication, or comparable methodology.

gas balancing account adjustment provisions

Provision for balancing the Company's actual purchased gas costs against the amount collected in rates. Also known as the "191 Account."

general service customer

A customer receiving service under the Company's GS rate schedule.

I

imbalance

A condition occurring when an interruptible transportation customer has a different amount of its own gas delivered into the Company's distribution system than is used less fuel reimbursement at the meter serving his premises.

imbalance tolerance

A level of imbalance which customers are allowed under the balancing provisions, see § 5.06.

industrial customer

Type of customer generally defined as manufacturing, construction, mining, agriculture, fishing, and forestry establishments, and includes the generation of electricity.

input rating

The designed rate of fuel acceptance by a burner, usually expressed in Btu per hour.

interconnect point

A point where customer-owned gas is received into the Company's distribution system.

interruption

Period when gas service is unavailable to interruptible customers; or period when emergency sales restrictions apply to customers because of a major disaster or pipeline break.

interruptible sales service

Interruptible sales service offered to any qualifying customers under the IS schedule.

interruptible transportation service

Interruptible transportation service offered to any qualifying customer under the TS transportation schedule.

L

load factor

The ratio of the average usage requirement to the maximum winter usage requirement e.g., average daily usage divided by the usage on the peak winter day. See the Classification Provisions for each rate schedule for the definition applicable to interruptible sales service customers.

M

main

Distribution supply line to which service lines may be connected for delivery to ultimate consumers. Mains generally run under city streets and do not cross the customer's property line.

master meter

A single meter used to measure the volume of gas delivered to multiple residential or commercial units, mobile home parks, or separate permanent structures.

maximum daily usage

The largest volume of gas delivered to a customer in one 24-hour period ending at 12 p.m.

meter

An instrument for measuring and indicating, or recording, the volume of gas that has passed through it.

minimum bill

Charge for having connected service even if no gas or less than a specified minimum amount of gas is used during the billing period.

minimum charge

Charge for having connected service even if no gas or less than a specified minimum amount of gas is used during the applicable period.

mobile home

A residential dwelling with a "T" code in the Company's billing records.

monthly market index price

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multi-family dwelling

Residential buildings designated with an "A" code in the Company's billing records, which includes structures with two or more dwelling units.

Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax (MET)

A tax levied by a municipality on the sale or use of natural gas or electricity.

N

NGV

Natural gas powered vehicles.

nomination

A request by a specific Transportation Service customer or that customer's authorized supplier/agent (nominating party) to have a physical quantity of customer-owned gas delivered to a specific Company receipt point(s) for a specific gas day or period. Nominations are not considered final until confirmed by the applicable Transportation Service Provider, see "confirmation".

non-registering meter

A meter that, upon reading, incorrectly indicates usage has not occurred or the usage registered is so minimal as to require a laboratory test for confirmation.

O

overrun

Volumes burned in excess of daily contract limit.

P

peak winter day

Customer's actual peak winter daily usage during the three most recently completed calendar years. When actual daily use is not available, the peak winter day will be estimated by multiplying the average daily usage for the customer's peak winter month by 1.4.

psia

Pounds per square inch absolute.

point of delivery

Outlet of the Company's meter installed to supply the customer with contracted service.

premises

An individually metered place of residence such as a single family dwelling or an apartment unit.

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