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3 Pass-Through Application of Docket No. 21-057-17  
4 Dominion Energy Utah for an  
5 Adjustment in Rates and  
6 Charges for Natural Gas Service  
7 in Utah

8 Application of Dominion Docket No. 21-057-18  
9 Energy Utah for an Adjustment  
10 to the Daily Transportation  
11 Imbalance Charge

12 Application of Dominion Energy Docket No. 21-057-19  
13 Utah to Change the Infrastructure  
14 Rate Adjustment

15 Application of Dominion Energy Docket No. 21-057-20  
16 Utah to Amortize the Conservation  
17 Enabling Tariff Balancing Account

18 Application of Dominion Energy Docket No. 21-057-21  
19 Utah to Amortize the Energy  
20 Efficiency Deferred Account Balance

21 Application of Dominion Energy Docket No. 21-057-22  
22 Utah to Modify the Sustainable  
23 Transportation and Energy Plan  
24 Surcharge

25 Application of Dominion Energy Docket No. 21-057-23  
Utah for an Adjustment to the  
Low Income/Energy Assistance Rate

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

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning, everyone.  
4 Today is October 25th, 2021, and it's approximately 9:00,  
5 the date and time that was noticed for a consolidated  
6 hearing involving eight different dockets, beginning with  
7 Docket No. 19-057-02, and that is the application of  
8 Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and  
9 Charges and Make Tariff Modifications.

10 (Court reporter interruption.)

11 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I was saying that  
12 Docket No. 19-057-02 is the application of Dominion  
13 Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges  
14 and Make Tariff Modifications. And that really involves  
15 a motion, which we will take up in a minute.

16 And seven other dockets, including Docket  
17 No. 21-057-17 through 21-057-23, involving seven  
18 applications, including, one, the pass-through 191  
19 account; two, daily transportation imbalance charge;  
20 three, infrastructure rate adjustment; four, Conservation  
21 Enabling Tariff balancing account; five, energy  
22 efficiency deferred account; six, sustainable  
23 transportation and energy plan surcharge; and seven, its  
24 low income/energy assistance rate.

25 My name is Yvonne Hogle, and I am the

1 Commission's designated presiding officer for this  
2 hearing.

3 At this time, I'd like to take appearances for  
4 the record, please.

5 MS. NELSON CLARK: I'm Jenniffer Nelson Clark.  
6 I'm counsel for Dominion Energy Utah, and I have with me  
7 Damir Sabanovic, who will be speaking to some of these  
8 dockets; Jessica Ipson, who will be speaking to the  
9 pass-through docket; and Jessie Jackson, who will be  
10 speaking to some of these dockets, as well. In addition  
11 I have Kelly Mendenhall with me and Jordan Stephenson.

12 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning.

13 For the DPU, please.

14 MS. SCHMID: Good morning. This is Patricia E.  
15 Schmid with the Utah Attorney General's office on behalf  
16 of the Division of Public Utilities. The Division has a  
17 slate of witnesses for this set of hearings, and I will  
18 introduce them for their relevant dockets.

19 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you very  
20 much.

21 Ms. Clark, I believe that we can proceed with  
22 Docket No. 19-057-02. I believe you filed a motion in  
23 that docket.

24 MS. NELSON CLARK: We did. Thank you.

25 The company has filed a motion simply to

1 implement rates that were approved in the Company's last  
2 general rate case, Docket 19-057-02. And as the motion  
3 sets forth, in the order in that docket, the Commission  
4 directed the Company to implement rates in a series of  
5 steps. And this is the third and last step of those  
6 rates. We simply are moving to implement them in  
7 accordance with that order.

8 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.

9 Does the Division have any objection to the  
10 Commission granting that motion?

11 MS. SCHMID: The Division has no objection to  
12 the motion or an order so granting it.

13 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you. I  
14 think I will reserve my ruling until the end. But let's  
15 just put a pin on that.

16 And let's proceed with our next docket, Docket  
17 No. 21-057-17.

18 Ms. Clark, do you have your first witness.

19 MS. NELSON CLARK: We do. The Company calls  
20 Jessica Ipson.

21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning, Ms. Ipson.

22 THE WITNESS: Good morning.

23 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Do you swear to tell the  
24 truth?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes.



1 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.  
2 Please proceed.

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4 JESSICA IPSON,  
5 was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
6 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
7 but the truth, testified as follows:

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9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

11 Q. Ms. Ipson, please state your name and business  
12 address for the record.

13 A. My name is Jessica Ipson, and my business  
14 address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

15 Q. And what position do you hold with the Company,  
16 Ms. Ipson?

17 A. I'm a regulatory specialist.

18 Q. And was the application and accompanying  
19 Exhibits 1.1 through 1.8 in this docket, were those all  
20 prepared by you or under your direction?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Do you adopt their contents as your testimony  
23 today?

24 A. Yes.

25 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company moves for the

1 admission of the application and accompanying Exhibits  
2 1.1 through 1.8.

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Any objection?

4 MS. SCHMID: None.

5 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. And I just --  
6 before I rule on that, are there any corrections or any  
7 edits to the application or any of the exhibits in this  
8 application that you would like to make, Ms. Ipson?

9 THE WITNESS: No.

10 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.  
11 Thank you.

12 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

13 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

14 **Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Ms. Ipson, can you**  
15 **summarize the relief the Company seeks in this docket?**

16 A. Yes. In pass-through Docket No. 21-057-17,  
17 Dominion Energy respectfully asks the Utah Public Service  
18 Commission for approval of \$592,197,910 in Utah gas cost  
19 coverage. This represents an overall increase of  
20 \$82,727,501.

21 The components of this increase are, first, an  
22 increase of \$84,274,908 in commodity costs, and second, a  
23 decrease of \$1,547,407 in supplier non-gas costs. The  
24 increase being proposed is due to higher forecasted gas  
25 cost for the test period.

1           This request also includes an amortization of  
2 the commodity portion of the actual August 2021  
3 undercollected 191 balance of \$57,110,123 by a 50.038  
4 cent per dekatherm surcharge.

5           RIN proceeds of \$74,160 were generated through  
6 the Company's CNG station, decreasing the NGV class  
7 commodity by a credit of 36.648 cents per dekatherm.

8           The Company is also requesting to continue to  
9 amortize the undercollected SNG costs of \$5,372,883,  
10 which leads to the debt amortization charges shown on  
11 Exhibit 1.5, page 6.

12           The cost of purchased gas was developed using  
13 forecasted gas prices from both S&P Global Platts and IHS  
14 Markit.

15           If this application is approved, a typical Utah  
16 GS customer using 80 dekatherms per year would see an  
17 increase of \$57.88, or a total annual increase of about  
18 8.24 percent.

19           These rates are just, reasonable, and in the  
20 public interest; therefore, we request the rates proposed  
21 in Commodity and SNG be allowed to go into effect on  
22 November 1st, 2021.

23           MS. NELSON CLARK: Ms. Ipson, does that conclude  
24 your statement?

25           THE WITNESS: Yes.

1 MS. NELSON CLARK: Ms. Ipson is available for  
2 cross-examination and Commission questions.

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you, Ms. Ipson.

4 Does the Division have any cross-examination for  
5 Ms. Ipson?

6 MS. SCHMID: The Division has one clarifying  
7 question.

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9 CROSS-EXAMINATION

10 BY MS. SCHMID:

11 **Q. Is the Company requesting that these rates go**  
12 **into effect on an interim basis?**

13 A. Yes.

14 **Q. Thank you.**

15 MS. SCHMID: The Division has nothing further.

16 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you very  
17 much.

18 Ms. Ipson, thank you. I don't have any  
19 questions, as well. So thank you for your time today.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Division, please.

22 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
23 to call its witness in this docket, Mr. Russ Cazier.

24 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning,  
25 Mr. Cazier.

1 THE WITNESS: Good morning.

2 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Do you swear to tell the  
3 truth?

4 THE WITNESS: I do.

5 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

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7 RUSSELL CAZIER,

8 was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
9 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
10 but the truth, testified as follows:

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12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MS. SCHMID:

14 Q. Hello. Could you please state your full name  
15 and spell it for the record.

16 A. Russell Cazier, R-U-S-S-E-L-L, C-A-Z-I-E-R.

17 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

18 A. I'm employed by the State of Utah, and I work  
19 for the Division of Public Utilities as a utility  
20 analyst.

21 Q. What is your business address?

22 A. 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City.

23 Q. In conjunction with your employment at the  
24 Division, have you participated in this docket?

25 A. I have.

1 Q. Could you please briefly describe your  
2 activities connected with that participation.

3 A. Yes. My activities have involved reviewing,  
4 interpreting, processing, and analyzing the filing that  
5 Dominion has supplied.

6 Q. Did you participate in or cause to be prepared  
7 and filed the Division's memorandum in this docket, dated  
8 October 19th, 2021, that was filed in both confidential  
9 and redacted form?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to that  
12 memo?

13 A. I do not.

14 Q. Do you adopt the contents of that memo as your  
15 testimony here today?

16 A. Yes, I do.

17 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to move for  
18 the admission of its memo in Docket No. 21-057-17, and  
19 will note that there are two other dockets addressed in  
20 that memorandum as well.

21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.

22 Does DEU object to the admission of the memo for  
23 any of the three dockets that are mentioned in that  
24 memo -- referenced in that memo?

25 MS. NELSON CLARK: We do not. We do not have

1 any --

2 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.  
3 They're admitted.

4 Q. (BY MS. SCHMID:) Mr. Cazier, do you have a  
5 summary to present today?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. Please proceed.

8 A. The 191 pass-through filing is a request for  
9 Commission approval to increase the commodity rates and  
10 charges for Dominion's natural gas service in Utah by  
11 84.2 million and to approve the decrease of 1.5 million  
12 in the supplier/non-gas category, for a net increase of  
13 82.7 million.

14 As of August 31st, 2021, the commodity portion  
15 of the 191 account was undercollected by 57.1 million.  
16 And Dominion is proposing to establish a debt  
17 amortization of 50 cents per dekatherm.

18 The driving force behind the commodity price  
19 increase is higher gas costs -- is higher gas cost price  
20 for the test year forecast ending October 31st, 2022.  
21 This consists of cost-of-service gas from the Wexpro  
22 contract and market purchases and storage and  
23 transportation costs.

24 Cost-of-service gas displays a 7-cent decrease.  
25 However, the contract and market gas cost display an

1 increase of \$1.40 per dekatherm.

2           Seeing how the large volume of cost-of-service  
3 gas from Wexpro contributes in association with  
4 Dominion's hedging and amortization, the net result of  
5 change in the gas cost is an increase in the total sales  
6 unit commodity cost of 74 cents, to \$4.94 per dekatherm.

7           If this filing is approved, the effect of this  
8 change for the typical GS residential customer is an  
9 increase of \$57.88, or approximately 8.24 percent of  
10 their annual bill.

11           The Division has reviewed Dominion's application  
12 and finds the proposed rate increase to be just and  
13 reasonable for the Utah customers and recommends the  
14 Commission approve the rate changes, as outlined by  
15 Dominion in Docket No. 21-057-17, on an interim basis,  
16 with a proposed effective date of November 1st, 2021.

17           And this concludes my testimony.

18           HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Schmid.

19           MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

20           **Q. (BY MS. SCHMID:) Does the Division also**  
21 **believe that the proposed rates are in the public**  
22 **interest?**

23           A. Yes.

24           **Q. Thank you.**

25           MS. SCHMID: Mr. Cazier is now available for



1 questions from the Company and from the presiding  
2 officer. Thank you.

3 The Division has nothing further in this docket.

4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

5 And thank you, Mr. Cazier.

6 Ms. Clark, does Dominion Energy Utah have any  
7 questions for cross-examination?

8 MS. NELSON CLARK: No questions. Thank you.

9 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

10 I have no questions, either. Thank you.

11 And I believe we can proceed to the next docket,  
12 Ms. Clark.

13 MS. NELSON CLARK: Yes, the Company calls -- in  
14 Docket No. 21-057-18, the Company calls Damir Sabanovic.

15 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning,  
16 Mr. Sabanovic.

17 THE WITNESS: Good morning.

18 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Do you swear to  
19 tell the truth?

20 THE WITNESS: I do.

21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

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23 DAMIR SABANOVIC,  
24 was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
25 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing

1 but the truth, testified as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

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**Q. Mr. Sabanovic, will you please state your full name and business address for the record. And if you would also spell your name.**

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**A. Yes. My name is Damir Sabanovic, spelled D-A-M-I-R, S-A-B-A-N-O-V-I-C. And my business address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.**

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**Q. What position do you hold with the Company, Mr. Sabanovic?**

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**A. I'm a Regulatory Analyst III.**

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**Q. And in this docket, was the application and the accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.3 prepared by you or under your direction?**

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**A. Yes, they were.**

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**Q. And are there any corrections to any of those documents?**

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**A. No.**

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**Q. Do you adopt them as your testimony today?**

22

**A. I do.**

23

**MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company moves for the admission of the application and accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.3.**

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1 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Any objection?

2 MS. SCHMID: None.

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you. I  
4 just want to make sure -- okay. I just want to make sure  
5 DEU did file a corrected Exhibit 1.1 in this docket; is  
6 that correct, Mr. Sabanovic?

7 THE WITNESS: I don't believe any changes were  
8 filed with -- any corrections were filed with this  
9 docket. In some of the subsequent ones, there are  
10 corrections, but not this one.

11 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: And this is 21-057-18?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes.

13 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Hold on, please.

14 Okay. I'm seeing that, although I did try to  
15 review and locate a corrected number, I did see that DEU  
16 filed on October 5th, 2021, a corrected Excel  
17 Exhibit 1.1. So I just want to make sure that it's the  
18 same exhibit that was filed on October 1st, 2021.

19 MS. NELSON CLARK: If you would give us just one  
20 moment, please.

21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.

22 MS. NELSON CLARK: Apologize for that.

23 **Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Mr. Sabanovic, can you**  
24 **speak to the corrected exhibit?**

25 A. Yes. It does appear there is something on the

1 Commission website. But what you see on there is what  
2 was filed. There should not have been any corrections  
3 filed with that.

4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I'm glad you're  
5 saying that, because I tried to look for the error and I  
6 could not locate it. And so I was a little confused  
7 about that. But thank you very much.

8 So what we're saying is that the corrected  
9 Exhibit 1.1 is the same exhibit that was filed with the  
10 application on October 1st, correct?

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

12 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I don't have any  
13 further questions. They're admitted.

14 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you. And I apologize  
15 for the confusion.

16 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: That's okay.

17 **Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Mr. Sabanovic, can you**  
18 **please summarize the relief the Company seeks with this**  
19 **docket.**

20 A. Yes.

21 In this docket, the Company requests an  
22 adjustment to the transportation and balance charge to  
23 appropriately collect costs associated with managing  
24 imbalanced dekatherms transported on the Company's  
25 distribution system.



1 **approved in interim or final form at this time?**

2 A. Interim.

3 **Q. Thank you.**

4 MS. SCHMID: The Division has no more questions.

5 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I don't have any  
6 questions, either. Thank you, Mr. Sabanovic.

7 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

8 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Schmid, please  
9 proceed.

10 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
11 to call its witness for this docket, Ms. Bhavana  
12 Venjimuri.

13 May she please be sworn.

14 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Yes.

15 Good morning, Ms. Venjimuri, do you swear to  
16 tell the truth?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

18 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

19 Please proceed.

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21 BHAVANA VENJIMURI,

22 was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
23 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
24 but the truth, testified as follows:

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DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. SCHMID:

**Q. Could you please state and spell your full name for the record.**

A. Bhavana Venjimuri, B-H-A-V-A-N-A,  
V-E-N-J-I-M-U-R-I.

**Q. Thank you. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

A. I'm employed by State of Utah, and work for Department of Public Utilities. I'm working as a utility analyst.

**Q. In conjunction with your employment, have you participated in this docket for the Division?**

A. Yes, I do.

**Q. Could you please describe your activities.**

A. I have analyzed the data. I have looked through the data and reviewed and analyzed the data.

**Q. Have you prepared or assisted in the preparation and filing of the Division's memorandum in this docket that was filed in both confidential and redacted form?**

A. Yes, I did. I did prepare the documentation.

**Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to that memo?**

A. No.

**Q. Do you adopt that memo as your testimony today?**

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to move for  
3 the admission of its memorandum in confidential and  
4 redacted form in this docket.

5 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Any objection?

6 MS. NELSON CLARK: No, thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you. They're  
8 admitted.

9 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

10 **Q. (BY MS. SCHMID:) Do you have a summary to**  
11 **present today?**

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 **Q. Please proceed.**

14 A. Docket No. 21-057-18 on the transportation  
15 imbalance charge was established to charge transportation  
16 customers for the supplier non-gas services that are  
17 being used on the Company's natural gas distribution  
18 system.

19 The calculation of this rate is based on the  
20 methodology approved in Docket No. 14-057-31, and it is  
21 to be adjusted with each pass-through filing in the next  
22 general rate case.

23 The proposed change represents an increase from  
24 7.575 cents per dekatherm to 8.316 cents per dekatherm,  
25 and is calculated based on actual volumes of



1 transportation customers for the 12 months ending  
2 August 31, 2021.

3 This rate applies to customers that are taking  
4 service under the transportation rate schedules, and any  
5 amount collected is credited to GS customers through the  
6 191 account.

7 This rate does not impact all transportation  
8 customers in the same way and applies only if the  
9 customers' nominations are outside of plus or minus  
10 5 percent daily tolerance limit.

11 Transportation customers can minimize and  
12 possibly avoid this charge to accurate daily gas  
13 nominations.

14 The Division believes that the requested change  
15 is in the public interest and recommends that the  
16 proposed rate be approved on an interim basis with an  
17 effective date of November 1st, 2021.

18 This concludes my summary. Thank you.

19 **Q. Thank you.**

20 **Does the Division also believe that the proposed**  
21 **rates are just and reasonable?**

22 A. Yes.

23 **Q. Thank you.**

24 MS. SCHMID: With that, Ms. Venjimuri is  
25 available for questions from the Company and from the

1 presiding officer.

2 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

3 Any questions, Ms. Clark?

4 MS. NELSON CLARK: No questions. Thank you.

5 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: I don't have any  
6 questions myself. Thank you, Ms. Venjimuri.

7 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

8 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I think we can  
9 proceed with our next case, Ms. Clark.

10 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you. The Company once  
11 again calls Mr. Sabanovic.

12 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Mr. Sabanovic, I don't  
13 think I need to swear you in again because you've said  
14 that --

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

16 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Yes. Go ahead. Please  
17 proceed.

18 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

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20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

22 Q. As you identified yourself, I guess I'll proceed  
23 by asking you if the application in Docket No. 21-057-19  
24 and accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.6 were prepared  
25 by you or under your direction?

1 A. Yes, they were.

2 Q. And I note that the Company also filed corrected  
3 Exhibits 1.1C and 1.4C.

4 Were those also prepared by you or under your  
5 direction?

6 A. They were.

7 Q. And do you have any additional corrections other  
8 than those appearing in those exhibits?

9 A. I do. I have one additional correction, and it  
10 is on the application on page 1. It states that a  
11 typical GS residential customer using 80 dekatherms per  
12 year will see an increase in their yearly bills of \$2.68.  
13 It should be an increase of \$2.67 per year.

14 And this occurs one other time on the  
15 application, and that is on page 3 paragraph 7 and should  
16 be revised there as well.

17 Q. Okay. And with those corrections,  
18 Mr. Sabanovic, do you adopt the contents of the  
19 application, Exhibits 1.1 through 1.6 and corrected  
20 Exhibits 1.1C and 1.4C as your testimony today?

21 A. I do.

22 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company would move for  
23 the admission of the application and the referenced  
24 exhibits.

25 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

1 Any objection, Ms. Schmid?

2 MS. SCHMID: None.

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.  
4 Thank you.

5 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

6 **Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Mr. Sabanovic, can you**  
7 **please summarize the relief the Company seeks in this**  
8 **docket.**

9 A. Yes. In this docket, the Company seeks to  
10 adjust the infrastructure tracker replacement rate to  
11 include investment related to replacement projects that  
12 were in service as of October 1st, 2021.

13 In the last general rate case in Docket No.  
14 19-057-02, the Commission ordered the tracker investment  
15 amount to be reset to zero and also required the Company  
16 to accumulate \$80.4 million in investment closed on or  
17 after January 1, 2019, before requesting an  
18 infrastructure filing and rate increase again.

19 On November 25, 2020, the Company reached and  
20 surpassed that threshold and made its first post-rate  
21 case infrastructure tracker filing, requesting a  
22 \$5.2 million annual revenue requirement.

23 On October 1st, the Company submitted eight  
24 filings, one of which was an infrastructure tracker  
25 filing that requested an incremental revenue requirement

1 increase of 3.991 million, for a total revenue  
2 requirement of 9.169 million.

3 A typical GS residential customer using 80  
4 dekatherms per year will see an increase in their yearly  
5 bills of \$2.67, or 0.38 percent.

6 These changes are just, reasonable, and in the  
7 public interest. And the Company requests Commission  
8 approval of these interim rates with an effective date of  
9 November 1, 2021. This concludes my summary.

10 **Q. Thank you.**

11 MS. NELSON CLARK: Mr. Sabanovic is now  
12 available for cross-examination and Commission questions.

13 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

14 Ms. Schmid, any cross-examination?

15 MS. SCHMID: No questions. Thank you.

16 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I don't have  
17 questions, either, Mr. Sabanovic. Thank you.

18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: The Division, please.

20 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
21 to call Mr. Eric Orton as its witness for this docket.

22 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning, Mr. Orton.  
23 Do you swear to tell the truth?

24 THE WITNESS: I do.

25 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

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ERIC ORTON,  
was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
but the truth, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. SCHMID:

**Q. Could you please state your full name and spell it for the record.**

A. My name is Eric Orton, E-R-I-C, O-R-T-O-N.

**Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

A. I'm employed by the Utah Division of Public Utilities as a utility technical consultant.

**Q. And is your business address 160 East 300 South in Salt Lake?**

A. That's correct.

**Q. Have you participated on behalf of the Division in this docket?**

A. I have.

**Q. Could you please briefly describe your participation.**

A. I reviewed the Company's application, checked their numbers, had a discussion with them via Zoom -- or I'm not sure Zoom was the format. But I discussed the

1 application with them to get some clarifying information.  
2 And I prepared the memo that was filed in this docket.

3 **Q. In light of the Company's change from \$2.68 to**  
4 **\$2.67, do you have any changes to make in your**  
5 **memorandum?**

6 A. It would be the appropriate -- the same change  
7 would be in my memorandum, where I say it's \$2.68, that  
8 should be corrected to \$2.67. I was unaware of that  
9 until recently.

10 **Q. With that correction, do you adopt the contents**  
11 **of your memorandum as your testimony here today?**

12 A. I do.

13 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to move for  
14 the admission of its memorandum in this docket with the  
15 correction identified by Mr. Orton.

16 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.

17 Any objection?

18 MS. NELSON CLARK: No objection.

19 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. So there are no  
20 other changes to that memorandum that you can see,  
21 Mr. Orton?

22 THE WITNESS: That's true. There's nothing I'm  
23 aware of.

24 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.  
25 Thank you.

1 Q. (BY MS. SCHMID:) Mr. Orton, do you have a  
2 summary to present today?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. Please proceed.

5 A. Thank you.

6 In this application, Dominion is seeking to  
7 modify the infrastructure rate adjustment for the  
8 distribution non-gas portion of its Utah GS, FS, IS, TSF,  
9 TSI, TBF, MT, and NGV natural gas rate schedules, as  
10 specified in Section 2.07 of its tariff. The requested  
11 effective date is November 1, 2021.

12 Along with several other applications filed on  
13 October 1st, 2021, Dominion filed its application to  
14 adjust its infrastructure tracker. At the conclusion of  
15 the 2019 general rate case, all prior tracker investments  
16 were included in the rate base when the tracker surcharge  
17 was set to zero. Since that time, base rates have been  
18 adjusted once, last fall in Docket 20-057-21. So this  
19 will be the second incremental revenue requirement  
20 increase in that case.

21 In this filing, Dominion provides the amounts of  
22 the additional investment and dates when specific  
23 infrastructure resources were completed and placed into  
24 service.

25 The proposal represents an incremental revenue



1 requirement increase of \$3.991 million, for a total  
2 tracker revenue requirement of \$9.169 million.

3           The monthly change to a typical GS customer is  
4 an annual increase to \$2.67. This application complies  
5 with past Commission orders, and the proposed tariff  
6 sheets accurately reflect the proposed changes filed by  
7 Dominion, including the corrected filings of  
8 Exhibits 1.1C, 1.4C, as well as the numeric correction  
9 proffered today during this hearing as regards to the  
10 annual increase to the residential customers.

11           Following a preliminary review, the Division  
12 recommends the Commission approve the proposed rates on  
13 an interim basis until the Division can complete its  
14 audit, at which time it will make a final recommendation  
15 to the Commission.

16           That's all I have. Thank you.

17           **Q. Does the Division believe that the proposed**  
18 **rates on an interim basis are just, reasonable, and in**  
19 **the public interest?**

20           A. On an interim basis, they are.

21           **Q. Thank you.**

22           MS. SCHMID: Mr. Orton is now available for  
23 cross-examination and questions from the presiding  
24 officer.

25           HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

1 Any questions or cross-examination, Ms. Clark?

2 MS. NELSON CLARK: No, thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I don't have any,  
4 either. Thank you, Mr. Orton, for your time today.

5 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

6 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Clark, let's proceed  
7 with Docket No. 21-057-20.

8 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you. The Company calls  
9 Mr. Jessie Jackson.

10 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Is Mr. Jackson -- am I  
11 going to see him or -- there he is.

12 Good morning, Mr. Jackson.

13 THE WITNESS: Good morning.

14 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Do you swear to tell the  
15 truth?

16 THE WITNESS: I do.

17 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: I'm sorry, I didn't hear  
18 that.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

20 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

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22 JESSIE JACKSON,  
23 was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
24 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
25 but the truth, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

**Q. Mr. Jackson, please state your name and business address for the record.**

A. My name is Jessie Jackson, and I work at 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Q. What position do you hold with the Company, Mr. Jackson?**

A. I'm a Regulatory Analyst III.

**Q. Mr. Jackson, was the application and the accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5 in this docket, were all of those documents prepared by you or under your direction?**

A. Yes.

**Q. And do you adopt them as your testimony today?**

A. I do.

**Q. Do you have any corrections to any of those documents?**

A. No.

MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company moves for the admission of the application and accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5.

HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you. Any objection by Ms. Schmid?

MS. SCHMID: No objection.

1 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.  
2 Thank you.

3 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

4 Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Mr. Jackson, can you  
5 please summarize the relief the Company seeks with this  
6 application.

7 A. Yes. In this docket, the Company is requesting  
8 to amortize the Conservation Enabling Tariff balancing  
9 account. Section 2.08 of the Company's tariff requires  
10 the Company to CET amortization application at least  
11 annually with the Commission. And this filing meets that  
12 requirement.

13 In order to do this, the Company is requesting  
14 an increased annual revenue of \$1.3 million. If  
15 approved, this would result in a decrease of \$1.01, or  
16 .14 percent, paid by a typical customer using 80  
17 dekatherms per year.

18 The proposed rates are just, reasonable, and in  
19 the public interest; therefore, the Company requests that  
20 the rates be approved with rates going into effect on  
21 November 1st, 2021.

22 This concludes my summary.

23 MS. NELSON CLARK: Mr. Jackson is now available  
24 for questions or cross-examination.

25 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Schmid, any

1 cross-examination?

2 MS. SCHMID: No cross-examination. Thank you.

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I'm just -- I  
4 don't think I heard you say this, but this would be a  
5 request for a final rate; is that correct?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes. This is final.

7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you. Those  
8 are all my questions. Thank you so much.

9 Ms. Schmid, I believe that you have your  
10 witness.

11 MS. SCHMID: I do. Our witness is Mr. Cazier,  
12 who has previously been sworn.

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14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MS. SCHMID:

16 Q. Mr. Cazier, have you participated on behalf of  
17 the Division in this docket?

18 A. I have.

19 Q. Could you briefly describe your participation?  
20 Very briefly.

21 A. I've been part of the review analysis and memo  
22 preparation.

23 Q. Thank you. So you prepared and caused to be  
24 filed or were part of the process for the Division's  
25 memorandum that was filed on the 19th in this docket; is

1 that correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Were you present when DEU mentioned that the  
4 infrastructure rate adjustment should be \$2.67 instead of  
5 \$2.68?

6 A. I was not.

7 Q. Would you take it, subject to check, that the  
8 Division -- or sorry, that the Company has revised its  
9 number from \$2.68 to \$2.67?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. In light of that, are there any changes or  
12 corrections that you need to make to your memorandum?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Perhaps if I could direct you to page 13. I see  
15 that on the fourth line of the chart, it says the  
16 infrastructure rate adjustment is \$2.68?

17 A. Yes, it does.

18 Q. Should it be \$2.67 in light of the Company's  
19 testimony?

20 A. It should be.

21 Q. And that would change the percentage and the  
22 combined impact; is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you have any other -- would you like to make  
25 that change?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And for simplicity's sake, we will just say the  
3 changes to make the number \$2.67 and then the appropriate  
4 adjustments elsewhere.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you have any other changes or corrections to  
7 that memo?

8 A. I do not.

9 Q. Do you adopt the contents of this memorandum, as  
10 corrected here today, as your testimony here today?

11 A. Yes.

12 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to move for  
13 the admission -- and actually, I guess it's already been  
14 admitted, so I don't need to move for the admission.

15 Mr. Cazier, do you have a summary to present  
16 today?

17 A. This is for Docket 19; is that correct?

18 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: I believe we're in  
19 docket Subsection 20.

20 MS. SCHMID: You know, I'm really embarrassed  
21 because we are --

22 THE WITNESS: You confused me there for a  
23 minute, Trish.

24 MS. SCHMID: Yeah.

25 THE WITNESS: So I just want to clarify.

1 MS. SCHMID: Okay.

2 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. So I'm just going  
3 to clarify.

4 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

5 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Yes. As you -- as you  
6 noted, Ms. Schmid, this particular memorandum has already  
7 been admitted, and I believe that the corrections were  
8 made.

9 And my only question to Mr. Jackson [sic] is to  
10 make sure that I'm clear that there are no changes to the  
11 memorandum concerning the Conservation Enabling Tariff;  
12 is that correct?

13 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

14 **Q. (BY MS. SCHMID:) Do you have a summary to give**  
15 **on Conservation Enabling Tariff?**

16 A. I do.

17 **Q. Please proceed.**

18 A. The Conservation Enabling Tariff rate change  
19 would allow Dominion to collect from GS customers what  
20 the Commission has authorized in revenue per customer.

21 In the 21-057-20 filing, Dominion requests to  
22 amortize the August 2021 undercollected balance of  
23 2.8 million.

24 The previous filing requested to amortize an  
25 undercollected balance of 4.1 million. This rate change



1 only affects the distribution of natural gas, or DNG,  
2 rate of the GS rate class.

3 If approved independently, the effect of this  
4 change for a typical GS residential customer is a  
5 decrease of \$1.01, or .14 decrease percentage in their  
6 annual bill.

7 The proposed change is in the public's interest  
8 and represents just and reasonable rates for Utah  
9 customers. The Division recommends the Commission  
10 approve the requested rate change in Docket 21-057-20 as  
11 a final rate with the November 1, 2021, effective date,  
12 as it is not subject to a Division audit at this time.  
13 And this concludes my summary.

14 **Q. Thank you.**

15 MS. SCHMID: Mr. Cazier is now available for  
16 questions from the Company and from the presiding  
17 officer.

18 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

19 Any questions, Ms. Clark?

20 MS. NELSON CLARK: No, none. Thank you.

21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: I don't have any,  
22 either.

23 Thank you, Mr. Cazier.

24 Okay. Ms. Clark, your next docket and witness,  
25 please.

1 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you. In Docket No.  
2 19-057-21, the energy efficiency amortization docket, the  
3 Company once again calls Mr. Jackson.

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5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

7 Q. And I note that you've been sworn. And you've  
8 also introduced yourself.

9 So, Mr. Jackson, I will ask you in this docket,  
10 the energy efficiency docket, Sub 21, was the application  
11 and the accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.6 prepared by  
12 you or under your direction?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you have any corrections to any of those  
15 documents?

16 A. I do not.

17 Q. Do you adopt them all as your testimony today?

18 A. I do.

19 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company moves for the  
20 admission of the application and accompanying Exhibits  
21 1.1 through 1.6.

22 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: I just have a question.  
23 Are we talking about the energy efficiency  
24 deferred account balance account -- or docket?

25 MS. NELSON CLARK: Yes.

1 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I just want to  
2 make sure that I'm clear.

3 In the docket, I only see DEU Exhibit 1.3.

4 MS. NELSON CLARK: I apologize. Let me -- give  
5 us one moment, please.

6 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

7 While you're looking, it looks like they were  
8 all included. It's just the name given to the exhibit is  
9 just "1.3," but it does include all five exhibits. And  
10 so I think we're clear now.

11 MS. NELSON CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

12 **Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) And just to be clear, do**  
13 **you adopt the contents of those documents as your**  
14 **testimony today, sir?**

15 A. Yes.

16 **Q. Do you have a summary of the relief the Company**  
17 **seeks in this docket, in the application in this docket?**

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 In this docket, the Company seeks for approval  
20 to continue the current amortization of the energy  
21 efficiency deferred account balance. In order to do  
22 this, the Company is requesting an increase to annual  
23 revenue of \$7.8 million. With this adjustment to the  
24 rate based on forecasted 2022 budgeted expenditures and  
25 projected volumes for the 2021-2022 test period, the

1 Company will be able to collect the necessary revenue,  
2 while at the same time minimizing interest expense for  
3 both customers and the Company.

4 If approved, this would result in an increase of  
5 \$5.66 per year, or .81 percent paid by a typical customer  
6 using 80 dekatherms per year.

7 The proposed rates are just, reasonable, and in  
8 the public interest. Therefore, the Company requests  
9 that the rates be approved on an interim basis, with  
10 rates going into effect on November 1, 2021.

11 And this concludes my summary.

12 **Q. Thank you.**

13 MS. NELSON CLARK: Mr. Jackson is available for  
14 questions and cross-examination.

15 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Ms. Schmid, any  
16 questions or cross-examination?

17 MS. SCHMID: None. Thank you.

18 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Thank you.

19 Ms. Clark, I believe that we did not move for  
20 the admission of these exhibits, and so I want to give  
21 that opportunity now.

22 MS. NELSON CLARK: Yes, please.

23 I'd move for the admission of the application  
24 and accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.6.

25 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Any objection,

1 Ms. Schmid?

2 MS. SCHMID: No objection.

3 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.

4 Thank you.

5 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company has nothing  
6 further.

7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay.

8 All right. Ms. Schmid, your witness, please.

9 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
10 to call Ms. Shauna Benvegna-Springer as its witness in  
11 this docket. Could she please be sworn?

12 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Yes.

13 Good morning, Ms. Springer, do you swear to tell  
14 the truth?

15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do.

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17 SHAUNA BENVEGNA-SPRINGER,  
18 was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
19 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
20 but the truth, testified as follows:

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22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MS. SCHMID:

24 Q. Good morning. Could you please state and spell  
25 your full name for the record.

1 A. Yes. My name is Shauna Benvegna-Springer,  
2 spelled S-H-A-U-N-A, Benvegna is B-E-N-V-E-G-N-U dash  
3 S-P-R-I-N-G-E-R.

4 **Q. Thank you. By whom are you employed and in what**  
5 **capacity?**

6 A. I'm employed by the State of Utah in the  
7 Division of Public Utilities with the Department of  
8 Commerce. And I am a utility technical consultant.

9 **Q. And is your business address approximately 160**  
10 **East 300 South in Salt Lake City, Utah?**

11 A. It is.

12 **Q. Have you participated on behalf of the Division**  
13 **in this docket?**

14 A. Yes.

15 **Q. Could you please briefly describe your**  
16 **activities?**

17 A. Yes. I have reviewed the application that was  
18 filed, and I have done further research in similar  
19 dockets and performed analysis on the information filed.

20 **Q. Did you prepare and cause to be filed or**  
21 **participate in the preparation and filing of the same in**  
22 **the Division's memorandum in this docket filed**  
23 **October 19th, 2021?**

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 **Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to that**

1 memorandum?

2 A. No, I do not.

3 Q. Do you adopt the contents of that memorandum as  
4 your testimony here today?

5 A. Yes, I do.

6 MS. SCHMID: At this time, the Division would  
7 like to move for the admission of its memorandum in this  
8 docket.

9 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Any objection?

10 MS. NELSON CLARK: No objection.

11 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.

12 Thank you.

13 Q. (BY MS. SCHMID:) Do you have a summary to  
14 present today?

15 A. I do.

16 Q. Please proceed.

17 A. On October 1st, 2021, the Dominion Energy of  
18 Utah filed its application seeking Commission approval to  
19 amortize the energy efficiency deferred account balance  
20 and have the new rates effective November 1st, 2021.

21 The current financial position of the energy  
22 efficiency program shows a balance of \$4.3 million,  
23 resulting from an undercollection from the ratepayers.  
24 One objective of this exercise is to calculate a new  
25 rate, which will collect enough funds to cover the

1 expenses but minimize the amount of interest collected  
2 from customers or paid by the Company. The account  
3 balances that tended to fluctuate above or below zero  
4 dollars during the year was an intended net interest  
5 expense that is close to zero. Based on the projected  
6 balances, the new proposed rate will help meet this goal.

7 If there are no changes to the current rate, the  
8 Company would significantly undercollect or need to  
9 reduce expenses, which would reduce services and  
10 participation in the energy efficiency program.

11 The proposed energy efficiency amortization rate  
12 is an increase from the current rate of 0.20678 cents to  
13 0.27767 cents per dekatherm, or an increase of 0.07089  
14 cents per dekatherm.

15 The proposed increase will collect the proper  
16 amount for the next 12 months and minimize interest  
17 expenses. If the Commission approves this application,  
18 the typical residential customer who uses 80 dekatherms a  
19 year will see an increase in their annual bill of \$5.66,  
20 or .81 percent, independent of any other decreases or  
21 increases.

22 The Division supports Dominion's request to  
23 amortize the energy efficiency deferred account balance,  
24 and recommends the Commission approve the application on  
25 an interim basis until the Division completes a more



1 thorough review, commonly called an "audit."

2           The proposed rates are in the public's interest  
3 and represent just and reasonable rates for Utah  
4 customers.

5           The Division reviewed the tariff sheets provided  
6 and recommends the Commission approve the application as  
7 presented.

8           This concludes my testimony at this time.

9           MS. SCHMID: Thank you. Ms. Benvegna-Springer  
10 is now available for cross-examination and questions from  
11 the presiding officer.

12           HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

13           Any questions or cross-examination from DEU?

14           MS. NELSON CLARK: No, thank you.

15           HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: I don't have any,  
16 either. Thank you. Thank you for your time.

17           THE WITNESS: You're welcome. Thank you.

18           HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I think we can go  
19 to the next docket, and that is 21-057-22.

20           MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you. The Company calls  
21 for the final time today Mr. Sabanovic.

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23                                   DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

25           **Q. Welcome back.**

1 A. It's great to be back.

2 Q. Mr. Sabanovic, I do note you remain sworn and  
3 you have previously identified yourself.

4 So I will simply ask you if you oversaw the  
5 preparation or prepared the application in this docket,  
6 along with the accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5?

7 A. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. And do you have any changes to any of those  
9 documents?

10 A. Yes. I have one correction. And again, it is  
11 on the application. On page 1, paragraph 2 of the  
12 application, it states that the current annual step rates  
13 charged to sales customers in the general service class  
14 will be slightly reduced by 1/100 of a penny. It should  
15 state that they will be reduced by 1/200 of a penny.  
16 That is the only change.

17 Q. And with that correction, Mr. Sabanovic, do you  
18 adopt the application and the accompanying exhibits as  
19 your testimony today?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. The Company moves for the admission of the  
22 application and accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5  
23 with the stated corrections.

24 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Any objection,  
25 Ms. Schmid?

1 MS. SCHMID: No objection.

2 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. They're admitted.  
3 Thank you.

4 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

5 Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Mr. Sabanovic, will you  
6 please summarize the relief the Company seeks in this  
7 application.

8 A. In this docket, the Company seeks to modify the  
9 cost-of-service allocation used to derive the sustainable  
10 transportation and energy plan surcharge approved by the  
11 Commission in Docket No. 20-057-19. In that docket, the  
12 approved surcharges to each customer class have been  
13 calculated using the cost-of-service allocations that  
14 were in effect at that time.

15 In Docket No. 20-057-23, the Company updated the  
16 cost-of-service allocation Step 2 rates prescribed by the  
17 Commission in Docket No. 19-057-02, or the Company's most  
18 recent general rate case.

19 The Company is now requesting to implement  
20 cost-of-service Step 3 rates in Docket No. 21-057-22, as  
21 prescribed by the Commission in the same rate case order.  
22 When rounding, this change is too small to reflect an  
23 impact to the typical customer's annual bill.

24 These changes are just, reasonable, and in the  
25 public interest, and the Company requests Commission

1 approval of these final rates with an effective date of  
2 November 1, 2021.

3 This concludes my summary.

4 **Q. Thank you, Mr. Sabanovic.**

5 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company makes its witness  
6 available for cross-examination and also Commission  
7 questions.

8 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Any cross-examination,  
9 Ms. Schmid?

10 MS. SCHMID: No, thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: All right. I just have  
12 one clarification.

13 Does the correction mean that there's a 2-cent  
14 reduction or -- I think you said something else. I just  
15 want to be clear about what it means.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes. So immaterial in the  
17 big scheme of things, but if we're getting down to  
18 (inaudible) 2 cents for that reduction.

19 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Good. Thank you.

20 Okay. I don't have any additional questions.  
21 Thank you for your time.

22 Ms. Schmid.

23 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division's witness  
24 for this docket is Mr. Robert Davis. We would like to  
25 call him. And may he please be sworn.

1 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Good morning, Mr. Davis.  
2 Do you swear to tell the truth?

3 THE WITNESS: I do.

4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.  
5

6 ROBERT DAVIS,  
7 was called as a witness, and having been first duly  
8 sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
9 but the truth, testified as follows:  
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11 DIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MS. SCHMID:

13 **Q. Could you please state your name, business**  
14 **address, and by whom you are employed and in what**  
15 **capacity for the record?**

16 A. Sure. My name's Robert A. Davis, R-O-B-E-R-T,  
17 A, D-A-V-I-S. I'm a utility technical consultant for the  
18 Division of Public Utilities. And I am located at 160  
19 East 300 South, Salt Lake City.

20 **Q. Thank you. Have you participated on behalf of**  
21 **the Division in this docket?**

22 A. Yes, I have.

23 **Q. Could you please briefly describe your**  
24 **participation.**

25 A. I reviewed the application and associated

1 exhibits and prepared the comments for this docket.

2 **Q. Thank you. And I will note that the comments**  
3 **reflect the 2 cent per year reduction.**

4 **Do you have any changes or corrections to your**  
5 **comments?**

6 A. No. I identified that change in my comments.

7 **Q. Exactly. Thank you very much.**

8 MS. SCHMID: With that, the Division would like  
9 to move for the admission of its Action Request Response  
10 dated October 19th in this docket.

11 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

12 Any objection?

13 MS. NELSON CLARK: No objection.

14 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: They're admitted. Thank  
15 you.

16 **Q. (BY MS. SCHMID:) Do you have a summary to**  
17 **present today?**

18 A. Yes, I do. If I can see it from the sun shining  
19 through my window.

20 **Q. You are sort of glowing.**

21 A. Thank you.

22 **Q. Please proceed.**

23 A. Thanks. Good morning.

24 On August 31, 2020, the Commission issued its  
25 report and order for Docket No. 19-057-33, approving the

1 settlement stipulation between Dominion Energy Utah and  
2 other parties to fund Dominion's sustainable  
3 transportation energy plan, or step and tariff surcharge.

4 On October 1, 2021, Dominion concurrently filed  
5 with the Commission Docket Nos. 21-057-22, application to  
6 modify the sustainable transportation and energy  
7 surcharge, and Docket No. 19-057-02, cost of service Step  
8 3 rate implementation.

9 Dominion's Docket No. 21-057-22 proposes to  
10 modify a step surcharge based on the tracker adjustments  
11 Dominion proposes in Docket No. 21-057-19 to comply with  
12 the third step revenue requirement adjustment approved by  
13 the Commission in Dominion's general rate case under  
14 Docket No. 19-057-02.

15 The Division reviewed these changes and  
16 concludes that Dominion's proposed annual reduction of 2  
17 cents to the overall step surcharge is in compliance with  
18 the tracker adjustments proposed in Docket No. 21-057-19.

19 Based on its review, the Division concludes the  
20 proposed rates are just and reasonable and in the public  
21 interest. The Division recommends the Commission approve  
22 Dominion's modified step surcharge and step revisions to  
23 the tariff sheets.

24 This concludes my summary. Thank you.

25 **Q. Thank you.**

1 MS. SCHMID: Mr. Davis is now available for  
2 cross-examination and questions from the presiding  
3 officer.

4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

5 Any questions, Ms. Clark?

6 MS. NELSON CLARK: No questions, thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I have no  
8 questions, either. Thank you, Mr. Davis, for your  
9 testimony.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

11 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. I think we're off  
12 to our final docket, 21-057-23.

13 Ms. Clark.

14 MS. NELSON CLARK: Yeah. Thank you. And for  
15 our final docket, we call, once again, Mr. Jackson.

16  
17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MS. NELSON CLARK:

19 Q. And I will note that you have identified  
20 yourself, and you have been sworn.

21 Mr. Jackson, was the application in this docket,  
22 along with the accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5,  
23 prepared by you or under your direction?

24 A. Yes, they were.

25 Q. And do you have any corrections to any of those



1 **documents?**

2 A. I do, two corrections in the application.

3 So if you'll look at the first page, second  
4 paragraph, where it states that a typical customer will  
5 see an increase of 2 cents, it should say a decrease of 2  
6 cents.

7 And then in the second paragraph of page 4,  
8 where it says also says the change in a typical customer  
9 will result in a 2-cent increase, it should say 2-cent  
10 decrease.

11 **Q. And with those corrections, do you adopt the**  
12 **application and accompanying exhibits as your testimony**  
13 **today?**

14 A. Yeah, I do.

15 MS. NELSON CLARK: The Company moves for the  
16 admission of the application in this docket, along with  
17 accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.5 with the  
18 corrections Mr. Jackson just made on the record.

19 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

20 Any objection, Ms. Schmid?

21 MS. SCHMID: No objection.

22 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: They're admitted. Thank  
23 you, Ms. Clark.

24 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

25 **Q. (BY MS. NELSON CLARK:) Mr. Jackson, can you**

1 please summarize the relief the Company requests in this  
2 final docket today.

3 A. Yes. In this docket, the Company is requesting  
4 an adjustment to the low-income assistance energy  
5 assistance rate. These changes will result in annual  
6 decrease of 2 cents for a typical customer.

7 The Company is also proposing to increase the  
8 annual energy assistance credit from \$77 to \$107 per  
9 qualifying customer per year. It is anticipated that  
10 there will be about \$2 million available to help  
11 qualifying customers pay their gas bills during the  
12 winter heating system. And it is anticipated that about  
13 19,000 customers will participate in this program during  
14 the 2022 test period.

15 The proposed rates are just, and reasonable, and  
16 in the public interest; therefore, the Company requests  
17 that the rates be approved, with the rates going into  
18 effect on November 1, 2021. And this concludes my  
19 summary.

20 Q. Thank you.

21 MS. NELSON CLARK: Mr. Jackson is available for  
22 cross-examination and questions.

23 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

24 Any questions, Ms. Schmid?

25 MS. SCHMID: No questions. Thank you.

1 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: I don't have any.

2 Well, actually, before I let you off the hook,  
3 I'm not sure that anybody from the Company has gone over  
4 the total impact of these eight cases to a typical  
5 customer using 80 dekatherms. And when I say "total," I  
6 mean cumulative impact on an annual basis.

7 And I just wonder if you have those amounts at  
8 hand, or if you would like me to ask anybody else? I  
9 would just like to get that on the record.

10 MS. NELSON CLARK: If I may direct that question  
11 to Ms. Ipson, who was your first witness today, I think  
12 she's prepared to answer that question.

13 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you. Okay.

14 MS. IPSON: All right.

15 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Go ahead.

16 MS. IPSON: The combined impact of all eight  
17 applications being heard today, if approved, a typical GS  
18 customer using 80 dekatherms per year would see an  
19 increase of \$63.04, or a total annual increase of  
20 8.97 percent.

21 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. So anywhere in --  
22 and I believe this was in the 191 account, but I'm not  
23 certain about that -- it hit, I think the numbers were  
24 \$63.02 and 8.98 percent. So now you're saying \$63.04 and  
25 8.98 percent. I just want to make sure that we have

1 consistent testimony, written and oral testimony, live  
2 testimony.

3 So can you tell me which one is -- are you  
4 saying that now it's \$63.04, I think I heard you say,  
5 that is the final?

6 MS. IPSON: That's what we had calculated as the  
7 final impact. I believe there was a correction made to  
8 the total that the Division had mentioned in their memo.

9 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. All right. So  
10 the \$63.04, or 8 point --

11 MS. IPSON: 97 percent.

12 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: 97 percent. That's the  
13 final -- okay. Perfect. Thank you so much for  
14 clarifying that for me.

15 And, Ms. Clark, you can proceed.

16 MS. NELSON CLARK: We have nothing further.

17 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. The Division can  
18 call its final witness.

19 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would like  
20 to call again Mr. Cazier. We'll note that he has been  
21 sworn, and he has identified himself.

22

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. SCHMID:

25 Q. Good morning again.

1 A. Good morning.

2 Q. Have you participated on behalf of the Division  
3 in this docket?

4 A. I have.

5 Q. Could you please briefly, briefly describe your  
6 participation.

7 A. Yes. I've been involved in the participation of  
8 the review, the analysis, and the memo preparation.

9 Q. Thank you. And I'll note that the memorandum  
10 has been accepted as an exhibit.

11 Do you adopt the contents of this memorandum  
12 insofar as it pertains to Docket No. 21-057-23 as your  
13 testimony here today?

14 A. Yes, I do.

15 Q. Are there any changes or corrections other than  
16 those, perhaps, stated by Dominion by Ms. Ipson that need  
17 to be made to any parts of this memorandum?

18 A. I do not --

19 Q. Sorry. I went out of order. I should have  
20 asked that first.

21 A. Okay. I do not believe there's any more  
22 changes, no.

23 Q. Thank you. And so you adopt this memorandum  
24 insofar as it pertains to this docket as your testimony  
25 here today, correct?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. Thank you. Do you have a summary to present  
3 today?

4 A. I do.

5 Q. Please proceed.

6 A. The low-income energy assistance program  
7 provides an annual credit for enrolled customers. In the  
8 21-057-23 filing, Dominion Energy Utah requests to adjust  
9 the proposed customer credit for the 18,899 enrolled  
10 low-income customers, in an increase from \$77 to \$107.  
11 This rate change would allow Dominion Energy Utah to  
12 collect \$86,735 in additional -- in addition to the base  
13 approved 1.5 million.

14 If approved independently, the effect of this  
15 change for the typical GS residential customer is a  
16 decrease of two pennies, or .0 percent in their annual  
17 bill.

18 The proposed change is in the public's interest  
19 and represents just and reasonable rates for Utah  
20 customers.

21 The Division recommends the Commission approve  
22 the requested rate change in this docket as the final  
23 rate, with the November 1, 2021 effective date. This  
24 concludes my summary.

25 Q. Thank you.

1 MS. SCHMID: Mr. Cazier is now available for  
2 cross-examination from the Company and questions from the  
3 presiding officer.

4 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Thank you.

5 Any questions, Ms. Clark?

6 MS. NELSON CLARK: No questions. Thank you.

7 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. And I don't have  
8 any questions, either. Thank you, Mr. Cazier.

9 And thank you, everybody, for your time today.  
10 I know that I was -- I mentioned that we would get back  
11 to the motion after the conclusion of all of our -- of  
12 your presentation.

13 And I guess at this point, I'll just say that my  
14 ruling on the motion will be included as part of the  
15 order, which will come out in time for a November 1, 2021  
16 effective date for all of the cases that we just covered.  
17 Thank you very much.

18 MS. NELSON CLARK: Thank you.

19 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

20 HEARING OFFICER HOGLE: Okay. Have a good day.  
21 And we are adjourned. Thank you.

22 (The matter concluded at 10:13 a.m.)  
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