
Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance	<u>DOCKET NO. 21-057-21</u> <u>ORDER SETTING FINAL RATE</u>
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ISSUED: June 17, 2022

BACKGROUND

On October 1, 2021, Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) filed an application (“Application”) with the Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting approval to amortize the balance of its Energy Efficiency (EE) Account, No. 182.4. The Application proposes to increase the EE amortization rate applicable to DEU’s General Service rate schedule from \$0.20678 to \$0.27767 per dekatherm (Dth). The Application includes all of DEU’s deferred expenses accounting records for each EE program¹ for the September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 period (“Review Period”) and DEU’s forecast EE account balance through December 2022.

On October 19, 2021, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments recommending the PSC approve the Application on an interim basis, effective November 1, 2021. On October 29, 2021, the PSC issued an order approving DEU’s proposed EE amortization rate, effective November 1, 2021, on an interim basis, pending the final results of DPU’s audit of DEU’s EE Program expenditures (“EE Program Costs”).

¹ The PSC requires DEU to file account records for all deferred expenses for each EE program by order. *See Approval of the Conservation Enabling Tariff Adjustment Option and Accounting Orders*, Docket No. 05-057-T01, Order Approving Settlement Stipulation, issued October 5, 2006.

On April 7, 2022, DPU filed the 2021 Audit Report² and on April 8, 2022, the PSC issued a notice of filing and comment period. No party filed comments by the May 9, 2022 comment deadline or the May 24, 2022 reply deadline.

The 2021 Audit Report explains that DPU’s audit consisted of reviewing actual invoices and transactions for specific expenditure categories under the various EE projects identified in the Energy Efficiency Program Expenditure Report provided by DEU including: ThermWise[®] Home Energy Plan, ThermWise[®] Builder Rebates, ThermWise[®] Appliance Rebates, ThermWise[®] Business Rebates, Market Transformation, Low Income Weatherization, ThermWise[®] Weatherization, and Energy Comparison Report³ (collectively, the “Program Categories”). DPU verified a sampling of expenditures from each of the Program Categories for a total of 42 expenditures that DEU made during the Review Period.⁴ DPU requested “documentation, invoices, and schedules to support the transactions reviewed” from DEU during the audit.⁵

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

The PSC finds, based on the 2021 Audit Report, that DEU recorded EE Program transactions and expenditures with reasonable accuracy and calculated the EE amortization rate correctly. Consequently, the PSC further finds that the amortization rate reasonably reflects DEU’s actual EE Program Costs.

² DPU’s Audit of DEU’s Energy Efficiency Program Expenditures. *Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Amortize the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance*, Docket No. 21-057-21, Comments from the Division of Public Utilities filed April 7, 2022 (the “2021 Audit Report”).

³ 2021 Audit Report, at 2-3.

⁴ *Id.*, at 3.

⁵ *Id.*

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Based on the evidence, our review of the 2021 Audit Report, DPU's comments and recommendation, and in the absence of any opposition, the PSC concludes that the EE amortization rate of \$0.27767 per Dth is just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

ORDER

The EE amortization rate of \$0.27767 per Dth is approved as final.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 17, 2022.

/s/ Yvonne R. Hogle
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed June 17, 2022 as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 30 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on June 17, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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