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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY UTAH TO CHANGE THE RURAL EXPANSION RATE ADJUSTMENT TRACKER	Docket No. 21-057-30 DOMINION ENERGY UTAH'S REPLY COMMENTS
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Pursuant to the Scheduling Order and Notice of Virtual Hearing issued on January 6, 2022 (Scheduling Order) in the above-referenced docket, Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy or Company) respectfully submits these reply comments in response to the Utah Division of Public Utilities' (Division) Action Request Response, filed on January 18, 2022 (Division's Comments).

**BACKGROUND**

On August 27, 2020 the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an Order in Docket No. 19-057-31 (Eureka Docket) approving the Company's voluntary resource request to build natural gas mains and service lines to residents and businesses in Eureka, Utah. The Commission's Order also approved the Company's request to implement the Rural Expansion Tracker Mechanism (RETM).

On December 27, 2021, Dominion Energy filed an Application in this docket to use the RETM to collect revenue for assets that were installed to serve customers in Eureka, and that are currently used and useful. On January 6, 2022, the Commission

issued the Scheduling Order requiring that initial comments be filed by January 18, 2022, and reply comments be filed by January 21, 2022. The Division filed its Comments January 18, 2022. The Company submits these reply comments to clarify one issue mentioned in the Division's Comments.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Division's Comments recognize that the Company has not yet completed construction of *all* of the facilities required to serve every resident seeking service in Eureka. However, the Company *has* completed construction of the high-pressure and intermediate-high-pressure main pipelines required to serve Eureka customers. Those main lines are in-service. The Company has also completed some service lines to some customer premises and those customers are receiving natural gas. The Company has not completed installation of *all* of the service lines to all of the customers who have requested, or will request, natural gas service.

Indeed, the Order in the Eureka Docket provides that prospective customers in Eureka would have two years from the date gas is available to decide if they want to sign an agreement for service; and another two years after that to have their meter and service line installed and to commence service. Since customers could conceivably wait up to four years to take advantage of the benefit of a service line and meter funded under the Eureka Docket, the Company will continue to add costs of the Eureka system to future RETM applications through those four years as those costs are incurred. The Company will only seek recovery of those costs as the service lines become used and useful. Due to the time frame in which these customers can seek service, the Eureka expansion will be completed when those four years have lapsed.

**CONCLUSION**

With the clarification offered herein, the Company agrees with the Division's recommendation for approval of the Company's Application on an interim basis to allow additional time for the Division to complete its audit of the RETM program.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.

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