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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: June 12, 2023

Re: **Docket No. 22-057-03**, Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications. Motion to Implement Step 2 Increase in Rates.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed Dominion Energy Utah's (DEU) tariff revisions reflecting the rate changes approved by the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) in its December 23, 2022, Order in Docket No. 22-057-03 (Order). The Division's review of DEU's Filing concludes that the proposed rate revisions comply with the Commission's Order. Therefore, the Division recommends the Commission approve DEU's rate revisions with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

Issue

In its Order, the Commission approved the rate implementation of the transportation classes in a series of three steps.¹ The first step occurred on January 1, 2023. The second step will occur on July 1, 2023, and the third step will occur July 1, 2024. The Commission issued an action request to the Division asking it to review DEU's compliance filing and make recommendations. The Commission asked the Division to report back by June 16, 2023.

¹ See In the Matter of the Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications, Docket No. 22-057-03, Commission Order, issued December 23, 2022, p. 57, Section 5, <https://pscdocs.utah.gov/gas/22docs/2205703/3264942205703o12-23-2022.pdf>.

Discussion

On June 1, 2023, DEU filed an application with the Commission asking for approval to increase its distribution rates and charges and make tariff modifications with an effective date of July 1, 2023. This is the second step implementing an increase in rates for the Transportation Classes.

The Division compared the rates in the tariff sheets DEU submitted with the approved rates found in the Commission's Order.² The Division found no discrepancies.

In review of DEU's proposed tariff revisions, the Division concludes that DEU has not made a statement that its revised tariff schedules comply with Utah Administrative Code R746-405-2(D)(3)(g), which requires a statement that the tariff sheets proposed do not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule. However, the Division concludes that DEU's filing does not appear to violate statute or rule.

Conclusion

The Division has reviewed DEU's tariff revisions reflecting the rate changes approved by the Commission in its Order. The Division's review of DEU's Filing concludes that the proposed rate revisions comply with the Commission's Order.

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² Ibid., p. 55, <https://pscdocs.utah.gov/gas/22docs/2205703/3264942205703o12-23-2022.pdf>