APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY UTAH TO AMORTIZE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY DEFERRED ACCOUNT BALANCE

Docket No. 22-057-14

APPLICATION

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> APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS

September 30, 2022

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy Utah or the Company) respectfully submits this Application to the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) for approval to adjust the amortization of the Energy Efficiency deferred account balance.

If the Commission grants this Application, typical residential customers using 70 decatherms per year will see a decrease in their yearly bills of \$5.23 or (0.69%). The Company proposes to implement this request by charging the new rates effective November 1, 2022.

In support of this Application, Dominion Energy Utah states:

1. <u>Dominion Energy Utah's Operations</u>. Dominion Energy Utah, a Utah corporation, is a public utility engaged in the distribution of natural gas primarily to customers in the states of Utah and Wyoming. Its Utah public utility activities are regulated by the Commission, and the Company's rates, charges, and general conditions for natural gas service in Utah are set forth in the Dominion Energy Utah Company Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU No. 500 (Tariff). Copies of the Company's Articles of Incorporation are on file with the Commission. In addition, the Company serves customers in the Franklin County, Idaho area. Under the terms of agreement between the Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, the rates for these Idaho customers are determined by the Utah Commission. Volumes for these customers have been included in the Utah volumes.

2. Energy Efficiency Order. In the Order Approving Settlement Stipulation dated October 5, 2006 in Docket No. 05-057-T01 (2006 Order), the Commission authorized Dominion Energy Utah to establish a deferred expense account, Account 182.4 of the Uniform System of Accounts, in which to record the costs associated with the approved Energy Efficiency programs and market transformation initiative (2006 Order at \P 15). This filing is made under §2.09 of the Tariff, which sets forth procedures for recovering the deferred Energy Efficiency related expenses by means of periodic adjustments to rates and amortizations of this account. The Tariff requires that at least annually, the Company will file with the Commission an Application to amortize the balance in Account 182.4. This Application complies with the §2.09 of the Tariff.

3. <u>Amortization of Account No. 182.4 Balance</u>. Attached as Exhibit 1.1 is a summary of the Energy Efficiency deferred expenses accounting entries for the period from September 2021 through August 2022. In the Order dated January 16, 2007, in Docket 05-057-T01 (2007 Order) approving the Energy Efficiency programs, the Commission required that "Questar shall keep detailed records of all DSM expenditures and shall track them by each separate DSM program or marketing initiative, and by expenditure type. Summary statements prepared from these records shall be presented to the Commission as part of the Account 182.4 approval process" (2007 Order at ¶ 9). Attached as Exhibit 1.2 is a summary of the deferred Energy Efficiency related expenditures by Energy Efficiency program (page 1) and by Energy Efficiency expenditure type (page 2) since September 2021. The Energy Efficiency balance, as of the end of August 2022, is -\$1,356,478 (Exhibit 1.1, column F, line 13).

The actual and projected Energy Efficiency balance from July 2022 through December 2023 is shown in Exhibit 1.3. As page 1 of Exhibit 1.3 shows, based on the forecasted 2023 budgeted expenditures and projected volumes for the 2022-2023 test period, the proposed rate is designed to allow the Company to collect the necessary revenue while at the same time minimizing interest expense. Page 2 of Exhibit 1.3 shows that by using a \$0.20321 rate the net interest accrued to the account is projected to be \$0 from October 2022 through September 2023. Exhibit 1.5 shows that if the Commission grants this Application, typical residential customers using 70 decatherms per year will see a decrease of \$5.23 or (0.69%) in their annual bills attributable to the amortization of the Energy Efficiency Deferred Account Balance.

4. <u>Final Tariff Sheet</u>. In addition to this Energy Efficiency Application, the Company is also concurrently filing a pass-through application in Docket No. 22-057-16, an application for adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge in Docket No. 22-057-17, an application to adjust the Conservation Enabling Tariff amortization rate in Docket No. 22-057-15, and an application to adjust the Low Income/Energy Assistance rate in Docket No. 22-057-13. The Company has requested that these applications be made effective November 1, 2022. Exhibit 1.6 shows the legislative and proposed rate schedules, which reflects the final Tariff sheets that would be effective if the Commission approves all of these applications.

5. <u>Exhibits.</u> Dominion Energy Utah submits the following Exhibits in support of its request to amortize the Energy Efficiency balance:

Exhibit 1.1	Energy Efficiency Deferred Expense Account Entries in Account
	182.4
Exhibit 1.2	Energy Efficiency Program Expenditures Report by Energy
	Efficiency Program and Expenditure Type
Exhibit 1.3	Projected Energy Efficiency Account 182.4 Balance Graph

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- Exhibit 1.4 Legislative and Proposed Tariff Sheets
- Exhibit 1.5 Effect on GS Typical Customer
- Exhibit 1.6 Combined Legislative and Proposed GS Rate Schedule

WHEREFORE, Dominion Energy Utah respectfully requests that the Commission, in accordance with the 2006 Order, the 2007 Order, and the Company's Tariff:

1. Enter an order authorizing Dominion Energy Utah to assess the rates and charges applicable to its Utah natural gas service territory using the amortization for the Energy Efficiency deferred account balance, as more fully set out in this Application.

DATED this 30th day of September, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

DOMINION ENERGY UTAH

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the Application was served upon the

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