

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Pass-Through Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah

DOCKET NOS. 22-057-16 AND 23-057-03

Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge

DOCKET NOS. 22-057-17 AND 23-057-04

ORDER SETTING FINAL RATES

ISSUED: August 12, 2025

**BACKGROUND**

Enbridge Gas Utah (EGU, formerly Dominion Energy Utah) proposed interim adjustments to rates related to its Account 191.1 Pass-Through Account ("191-Account") on September 30, 2022, in Docket No. 22-057-16, and on February 1, 2023, in Docket No. 23-057-03. The Public Service Commission (PSC) approved EGU's proposed interim rates in (1) Docket No. 22-057-16 (the "2022 Docket"), effective November 1, 2022, and (2) Docket No. 23-057-03 (the "2023 Docket"), effective March 1, 2023. The PSC's approval of the proposed rates in the 2022 Docket and the 2023 Docket was conditioned on an audit by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU).

In the 2022 Docket, the PSC approved EGU's request to increase annualized gas cost-related rates, on an interim basis, by \$128.167 million, consisting of a \$128.046 million increase in commodity costs and an increase of \$0.121 million in SNG costs, for the test year 12 months ending October 31, 2023.

In the 2023 Docket, the PSC approved EGU's request to increase annualized gas cost-related rates, on an interim basis, by \$92.092 million, consisting of a \$94.171

million increase in commodity costs and a decrease of \$2.079 million in SNG costs, for the test year 12 months ending February 29, 2024.

EGU's filings for proposed adjustments in the 2022 Docket and 2023 Docket also implicated the Transportation Imbalance Charge ("TIC"). Applications for adjustments to the TIC are filed concurrently with the 191-Account filings, and the TIC rate is thus reviewed with each 191-Account docket. As discussed below, DPU has reviewed the TIC dockets<sup>1</sup> related to the 191-Account dockets that are the subject of this order.

Since the PSC's order approving interim rates in the 2022 Docket and 2023 Docket, the PSC approved interim rates for the November 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 period in the 2022 Docket on May 22, 2024, as final.<sup>2</sup>

On May 12, 2025, DPU filed a memorandum, along with various exhibits, reflecting the findings of its audit of EGU's 191-Account for calendar year 2023, which included the 2022 Docket and the 2023 Docket ("DPU Memorandum"). On May 30, 2025, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period concerning the DPU

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<sup>1</sup> See Docket Nos. 22-057-17 and 23-057-04 ("TIC Dockets"), filed simultaneously with Docket Nos. 22-057-16 and 23-057-03.

<sup>2</sup> *Pass-Through Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah*, Docket Nos. 21-057-28, 22-057-08, and 22-057-16; and *Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge*, Docket Nos. 21-057-29, 22-057-09, 22-057-17, Order Setting Final Rates, Issued May 22, 2024.

Memorandum. EGU filed reply comments on June 30, 2025. No other comments were filed.

### **DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS**

#### **A. EGU Tariff PSCU No. 700**

EGU Tariff PSCU No. 700, Section 2.06, provides for pass-through applications to be filed “[n]o less frequently than semi-annually.”<sup>3</sup> EGU’s 191-Account applications therefore reflect overlapping test years, resulting in interim rates that are reset at least every six months. For example, the test year in the 2022 Docket includes the November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023 period, and the test year in the 2023 Docket includes the March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 period. Because the referenced dockets’ test years overlap, we set final rates in the referenced dockets for periods that are shorter than those we approved when we set interim rates.

Our order here includes decisions on final rates for only the (1) January 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023 period in the 2022 Docket (“Review Period A”), and (2) March 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023 period in the 2023 Docket (“Review Period B”).

#### **B. The DPU’s Audit of the 2022 Docket and 2023 Docket**

The DPU Memorandum includes three exhibits: 1) a Summary of Audit Procedures and Results for Enbridge Gas Utah’s Account 191 for Calendar Year 2023

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<sup>3</sup> Enbridge Gas Utah, Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 700 at 2-12.

("Summary"), 2) the confidential Wexpro Hydrocarbon Monitor Report 2023 ("Exhibit B"), and 3) the confidential Wexpro Accounting Monitor Report 2023 ("Exhibit C").

The DPU Memorandum examines the various cost elements included in the 191-Account, except for those costs incurred under the Wexpro Stipulation and Agreement and the Wexpro II Agreement. An independent certified public accountant, appointed as a monitor, reports on such costs, which are set forth in Exhibit B and Exhibit C.

The Summary provides a detailed explanation of the processes DPU followed to evaluate the accuracy of the information included in EGU's original filings. Using these procedures, DPU evaluated Utah's allocation of net costs (costs offset by revenues) included in the 191-Account by recalculating the monthly 191-Account balances, high-level reconciliations, and accounting for adjustments. DPU "finds that costs in the 191 Account comply with [PSC] approved calculations and are just, reasonable, and in the public interest."<sup>4</sup> Based on its audit, DPU "recommends the [PSC] make rates final in Docket No. 22-057-16 [for Review Period A] and Docket No. 23-057-03 [for Review Period B]."<sup>5</sup>

We find the procedures used by DPU to evaluate EGU's records are consistent with sound regulatory accounting practices and are sufficiently rigorous. Based on our review of EGU's original filings, the DPU Memorandum, including all exhibits thereto, and in the absence of any opposition, we accept and adopt DPU's recommendation.

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<sup>4</sup> DPU Memorandum at 3.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

Similarly, and based on reasons described above, we find the previously ordered interim rates for Review Period A in the 2022 Docket, and for Review Period B in the 2023 Docket are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Accordingly, we approve the interim rates for Review Period A in the 2022 Docket and for Review Period B in the 2023 Docket, as final.

### **C. The TIC Dockets**

The DPU Memorandum states that during its audit, it also reviewed the relevant TIC portions of the 2022 Docket and the 2023 Docket and “recommends that the [PSC] make the TIC rates final in Docket No. 22-057-1[7]<sup>[6]</sup> [for Review Period A] and Docket No. 23-057-04 [for Review Period B].”<sup>7</sup> Based on our review of EGU’s original filings, the DPU Memorandum, including all exhibits thereto, and in the absence of any opposition, we accept and adopt DPU’s recommendation. Accordingly, we approve the interim rates in the TIC Dockets for Review Period A in Docket No. 22-057-17 and for Review Period B in Docket No. 23-057-04, as final.

### **ORDER**

The interim rate changes previously ordered by the PSC for Review Period A in Docket No. 22-057-16, and for Review Period B in Docket No. 23-057-03, are final.

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<sup>6</sup> This correction fixes a typo in the DPU Memorandum.

<sup>7</sup> DPU Memorandum at 3.

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In addition, the interim TIC rates previously ordered by the PSC for Review Period A in Docket No. 22-057-17, and for Review Period B in Docket No. 23-057-04, are final.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 12, 2025.

/s/ John E. Delaney  
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed August 12, 2025, as the order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Jerry D. Fenn, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ John S. Harvey, Ph.D., 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 written 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 August 12, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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