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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: September 21, 2023

Re: **Docket No. 22-057-18** Dominion Energy Utah's Application for Approval of the 2023 Year Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative
Docket No. 23-057-05 Dominion Energy Utah's Energy Efficiency Reports for 2023

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") acknowledge Dominion Energy Utah's ("DEU" or "Company") report of the Low-Income Program surpassing eighty percent (80%) of its 2023 budget of \$.73 million.

Issue

On September 7, 2023, the Company filed its report on Demand Side Management (DSM) Expenditures with the Commission for the six months ending July 31, 2023. The Company reported spending of \$0.35 million or forty-eight percent (48%) of the Low-Income Program budget by the end of June 30, 2023. The Company said that at the end of July 2023, the program's year-to-date costs totaled \$0.61 million or eighty-four percent (84%) of the 2023

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program budget. On September 7, 2023, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting that the reports and documentation be reviewed for compliance and to make any recommendations by October 6, 2023.

Background

The Commission's Order issued in Docket No. 09-057-15, dated January 12, 2010, stated the current requirement for the Company (Questar Gas at the time) was to report to the Commission when any DSM program costs reach ninety percent (90%) of its budget, and if any DSM program costs reach fifty percent (50%) of its budget before June 30 each year, or if any DSM program costs are eighty percent (80%) of the budget by August. This memorandum addresses the Division's review and recommendations.

Discussion

The Company has complied with the Commission's order by submitting its spending report for the Low-Income Program, reaching 84% by the end of July 2023. The Company noted that the Low-Income Program makes bi-annual payments to the Utah Department of Workforce Services ("UDWS") for \$.25 million (or \$.50 million annually) in January and July. With program costs for incentives to customers who install qualified high-efficiency natural gas equipment along with the UDWS payments, the program costs exceeded the 80% reporting requirement. The Company forecasts that the ThermWise/DSM programs will not exceed the total budget of \$28.1 million. The Company has agreed to continue to monitor participation and manage spending for all the ThermWise/DSM programs, along with providing detailed quarterly reports to the Division.

Conclusion

The Company has complied with the order and reported the appropriate information as required. The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's report of the Low-Income Program surpassing eighty percent (80%) of its 2023 budget by the end of July.

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