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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

PASS-THROUGH APPLICATION)	
OF DOMINION ENERGY UTAH FOR)	Docket No. 22-057-20
AN ADJUSTMENT IN RATES AND)	
CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS)	
SERVICE IN UTAH)	
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APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY)	Docket No. 22-057-21
UTAH FOR AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE)	
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE CHARGE)	MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE
)	APPLICATIONS

Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy or the Company) respectfully moves the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) for leave to withdraw its Applications in the above-referenced dockets. This motion is brought on the grounds that purchased gas costs have risen dramatically and unexpectedly and approval of the requested rate decrease would result in an extraordinarily high under-collected balance in the Company's 191 account.

On November 10, 2022, the Company filed Applications in both above-referenced dockets. In Docket No. 22-057-20 (the Pass-Through Application), the Company sought Commission approval for a decrease of \$72,685,322 in its Utah natural gas rates. The Pass-Through Application was based in part upon forecasted natural gas purchase prices averaging \$6.91026. The costs were based on projected gas purchase volumes, existing contract terms, projected contracts, and a

forecast of gas prices. The Company has used an average of gas-price forecasts from S&P Global Platts and IHS Markit.

The Company concurrently filed an Application in Docket No. 22-057-21 to adjust the Transportation Imbalance Charge, as required by Section 5.01 of the Company's Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 500 (Tariff). The Company files such applications concurrent with pass-through applications.

On December 1, 2022, the Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) submitted comments in both dockets. On December 13, 2022, the Commission held a hearing on both matters.

After the first week of December, 2022 the prices for purchased natural gas rose dramatically. Between December 5th and December 12th those prices ranged from \$14.35 per 4th to \$45.23 per Dth. As a result of these unexpected price increases, the under-collected amount of the Company's 191 account has risen by more than \$70 million in the first few weeks of December. If these high prices continue through the end of December, the under-collection for December alone could grow to more than \$115 million, in addition to the existing under-collected commodity portion balance of about \$61 million.

The Company anticipates filing another pass-through application in the future to mitigate the under-collected balance but withdrawing the pending Pass-Through Application will reduce the amount of the anticipated rate increase by \$72.7 million. The Company will file an application to adjust the transportation imbalance charge at that time as well.

Company representatives have discussed this Motion with representatives of the Division and the Utah Office of Consumer Services (Office) and is authorized to represent that the Division supports this Motion, and the Office does not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, Dominion Energy respectfully requests that the Commission permit the withdrawal of the Application, in accordance with its authority, rules and procedures and the Company's Tariff.

DATED the 21st day of December 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

DOMINION ENERGY UTAH

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jenniffer Nelson Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the Application was served upon the following persons by e-mail on December 21, 2022:

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