

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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| Pass-Through Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in Utah | <u>DOCKET NO. 22-057-20</u>   |
| Application of Dominion Energy Utah for an Adjustment to the Daily Transportation Imbalance Charge                      | <u>DOCKET NO. 22-057-21</u><br><u>ORDER ON DOMINION ENERGY UTAH'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATIONS</u> |

ISSUED: December 22, 2022

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) filed applications in the above dockets (the “Applications”) on November 10, 2022.<sup>1</sup> The Applications proposed discrete rate changes and modifications to DEU’s Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 500, seeking an effective date of January 1, 2023.

On November 16, 2022, the Public Service Commission (PSC) held a consolidated scheduling conference on the Applications, issuing a Scheduling Order and Notice of Hearing on November 17, 2022. On December 1, 2022, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments and recommendations regarding the Applications. No other party petitioned to intervene or filed comments.

On December 13, 2022, the PSC held a consolidated hearing to consider the Applications, during which DEU and DPU appeared and provided testimony. No other party appeared or provided testimony at the hearing.

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<sup>1</sup> DEU subsequently filed a “corrected” application in the 22-057-20 docket, changing one word in that application.

On December 21, 2022, DEU filed a Motion to Withdraw the Applications (the “Motion”).

**FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

The Applications proposed a decrease in DEU’s Utah natural gas rates based on certain forecasted natural gas purchase prices.<sup>2</sup> According to DEU, since filing the Applications prices for purchased natural gas have unexpectedly risen dramatically.<sup>3</sup> The Motion seeks to withdraw the Applications in order to, among other things, mitigate the impact of future rate increases.<sup>4</sup>

DEU represents that it has discussed the Motion with DPU and the Utah Office of Consumer Services (OCS) and “is authorized to represent that [DPU] supports this Motion, and [OCS] does not oppose this [M]otion.”<sup>5</sup>

DPU recommends granting DEU’s Motion,<sup>6</sup> noting that since DEU filed the Applications, “natural gas prices have remained high and have not come down as forecast. Cold temperatures and increased demand have caused prices to remain high[.]”<sup>7</sup> Accordingly, DPU supports DEU’s Motion and to “maintain the rates as currently approved[.]” stating “[a] decrease in rates and charges would not be appropriate at this time.”<sup>8</sup> The OCS has not submitted any comments on the Motion.

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<sup>2</sup> See Motion at 1.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> See *id.* at 2.

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

<sup>6</sup> DPU Recommendation dated December 21, 2022 at 1.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND ORDER**

Based on the factual representations in the Motion, DPU's support thereof, and OCS's non-opposition thereto, we find and conclude good cause exists to grant the Motion.

DEU's Motion is granted.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 22, 2022.

/s/ John E. Delaney  
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed December 22, 2022, as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
DW#326485

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 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 December 22, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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