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Subject: Docket 22-057-T01

**Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Modify its Tariff to Address
Meter Protection**

BACKGROUND

On February 18, 2022, Dominion Energy Utah (“DEU”) filed with the Utah Public Service Commission (“PSC”) a request to modify its tariff (DEU Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 500) to include new provisions related to meter protection. Meter protection is sometimes necessary to protect the meter from damage, usually from vehicles or snow and ice. DEU was required by the PSC to update its tariff to include language on meter protection because of a February 2019 incident that occurred in Alta, Utah where a meter was damaged.¹ On February 28, 2022, DEU filed an update to its meter protection provisions in this docket to include language requested by the Utah Homebuilder’s Association (“UHBA”).

On February 22, 2022, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period that set a deadline of March 7, 2022 for parties to file initial comments and March 14, 2022 for reply comments on DEU’s proposed tariff modifications. Pursuant to the PSC’s Notice, the Utah Office of Consumer Services (“OCS”) submits these initial comments on DEU’s request to add meter protection provisions to its tariff.

OFFICE OF CONSUMER SERVICES RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF DEU’S TARIFF MODIFICATIONS FOR METER PROTECTION

The OCS recommends that the PSC approve DEU’s updated meter protection tariff provisions that were filed on February 28, 2022. Before the new provisions were filed with the PSC, the OCS and the Division of Public Utilities worked closely with DEU on the development of the new meter protection language, both the original language filed

¹ See Settlement Stipulation and PSC Order in Docket No. 21-057-24.

on February 18 and the updated language which was filed on February 28 to include the UHBA's request. Thus, the OCS supports the filing and recommends approval.

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