

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Modify the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Surcharge	<u>DOCKET NO. 23-057-01</u>
	<u>ORDER</u>

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ISSUED: January 31, 2023

SYNOPSIS

The Public Service Commission (PSC) approves the Application of Dominion Energy Utah (DEU) to Modify the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Surcharge (“Application”) in Docket No. 23-057-01.

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PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On January 3, 2023, DEU filed the Application, along with supporting documents and revised tariff sheets, seeking to modify its continuing cost recovery from customers served under the Transportation Service (TS) rate schedule, effective January 1, 2023.

On January 3, 2023, the PSC issued an Action Request to the Division of Public Utilities (DPU). On January 4, 2023, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period providing that any person could submit comments by January 17, 2023. DPU filed comments on January 17, 2023. No other comments were filed and there was no opposition to the Application.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Under previous PSC orders in Docket Nos. 19-057-33<sup>1</sup> and 20-057-19,<sup>2</sup> DEU collects a total of \$500,000 annually through surcharges under the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (“STEP Surcharge”) as allocated to all customer classes based on the currently-approved

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<sup>1</sup> *Application of Dominion Energy Utah for Approval of a Natural Gas Clean Air Project and Funding for the Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center*, Docket No. 19-057-33, Order Approving Settlement Stipulation issued August 31, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> *Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Implement a Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Surcharge*, Docket No. 20-057-19, Order issued October 30, 2020 at 12-13.

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cost-of-service allocation in Docket No. 21-057-22.<sup>3</sup> The Application specifically requests approval to modify the STEP Surcharge to reflect an allocation among the TS class consistent with Docket No. 22-057-03 (“2023 General Rate Case Order”),<sup>4</sup> which split the TS class into three new classes.<sup>5</sup>

DPU COMMENTS

In its comments, DPU states the amount DEU seeks to collect from the three new TS classes is roughly the same as was approved for the TS class in Docket No. 21-057-22<sup>6</sup> (“2021 STEP Order”). In addition, DPU states that DEU’s proposed STEP Surcharge modifications and tariff sheets are just, reasonable, and in the public interest and comply with the PSC’s 2021 STEP Order and 2023 General Rate Case Order.<sup>7</sup> DPU thus recommends approval of DEU’s proposed STEP Surcharge modifications and tariff sheets as reflected in the Application.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

Based on the Application and attached exhibits, DPU’s comments, and given there was no opposition, the PSC finds and concludes that DEU’s request is consistent with the 2021 STEP Order and the 2023 General Rate Case Order, and is just and reasonable, and in the public interest. We therefore approve the Application, effective January 1, 2023.

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<sup>3</sup> *Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Modify the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Surcharge*, Docket No. 21-057-22, Order issued October 29, 2021 at 15.

<sup>4</sup> *See* Application at 2-3.

<sup>5</sup> The three new TS classes are: (1) transportation service small (TSS), (2) transportation service medium (TSM), and (3) transportation service large (TSL).

<sup>6</sup> *See* DPU Action Request Response filed January 17, 2023 at 3.

<sup>7</sup> *See id.*

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, January 31, 2023.

/s/ John Delaney  
Presiding Officer

Approved and confirmed January 31, 2023, 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#326808

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 January 31, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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