

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF
DOMINION ENERGY UTAH TO EXTEND
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO GENOLA, UTAH

Docket No. 23-057-13

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM S. RADFORD
FOR DOMINION ENERGY UTAH**

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DEU REDACTED Exhibit 2.0

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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is William S. Radford. My business address is 1140 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104.

Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

A. I am employed by Dominion Energy Utah (“Dominion Energy”, “DEU”, or “Company”) as the Manager of Compliance Engineering. I am primarily responsible for the Engineering and Project Management of various compliance-type capital work programs. My qualifications are included in DEU Exhibit 2.01.

Q. Have you testified before this Commission before?

A. No.

Q. Attached to your written testimony are DEU Exhibits 2.01 through 2.10. Were these prepared by you or under your direction?

A. Yes, unless otherwise indicated. In that case, they are true and correct copies of what they purport to be.

Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide an overview of the required capital improvements necessary to extend natural gas service to the community of Genola (“the Community”). This overview will include the scope of work and costs of required facility construction, the timing of that construction, and estimates on the potential number of new customers.

23 **II. PROJECT SCOPE AND SCHEDULE**

24 **Q. Please describe the communities and the area the Company proposes to serve under**
25 **the Application in this matter.**

26 A. Genola is a city in Utah County, Utah. It has a population of approximately 1593
27 residents and covers approximately 6.2 square miles. I have attached a map of Genola as
28 DEU Exhibit 2.02. The shaded area in each exhibit shows the area the Company
29 proposes to serve.

30 **Q. How was the community of Genola selected for this project?**

31 A. The Company developed an evaluation matrix that included any community in Utah that
32 does not currently receive natural gas service. The Company developed high-level
33 estimates of the cost of serving the community using potential customer count, pipeline
34 alignment and basic scope of work for all facilities required. The Company also
35 considered the distance from each community to the Company's current service territory,
36 permitting requirements, and the potential benefit to each community.

37 **Q. What facilities does the Company propose to construct in this docket?**

38 A. The Company is seeking pre-approval for the construction of intermediate high-pressure
39 ("IHP") pipeline facilities necessary to provide natural gas service to Genola. This
40 project will not require construction of high pressure pipelines or pressure regulator
41 stations. Dominion Energy proposes to construct approximately 30.3 miles of IHP main
42 (11,500 feet of 8", 7000 feet of 6", 38,650 feet of 4" and 115,000 feet of 2") to extend
43 existing natural gas infrastructure from Santaquin into Genola. The Company also
44 proposes to construct approximately 79,000 feet of IHP service lines in Genola.

45 **Q. How many prospective customers could receive natural gas service if the**
46 **Commission approves the Application in this Docket?**

47 A. As Mr. Summers testifies, the Community indicated that there are 500 residences and
48 businesses that would be eligible for service if the Commission approves the Company's
49 request. The Company did its own review and has estimated that there could be around

50 507 customers that could be served. The Company's review was performed by counting
51 structures using aerial imagery in Google Earth. The Company's estimates assume all
52 507 customers sign up for gas service.

53 **Q. How many of those prospective customers have expressed interest in receiving**
54 **natural gas service?**

55 A. As Mr. Summers testifies in his pre-filed direct testimony, the Company conducted
56 community outreach activities, including a survey of residents to gauge interest in
57 receiving natural gas service. The majority of respondents indicated that they wanted
58 natural gas service. DEU Confidential Exhibit 2.03 shows the location of the prospective
59 customers who responded to the survey. The green pinpoints on DEU Confidential
60 Exhibit 2.03 indicate the location of respondents who indicated they were interested in
61 receiving natural gas service, the orange pinpoints indicate the location of respondents
62 who either were undecided, and the red pinpoints indicate the location of respondents
63 who did not want to receive natural gas service.

64 **Q. Have you forecast the natural gas consumption for Genola customers pursuant to**
65 **Commission Rule § 54-17-402(3)(b)(ii)(C)?**

66 A. Yes, the consumption usage is based on the estimate of potential customers in Genola.
67 The gas consumption calculation is shown in DEU Exhibit 2.04. Various inputs go into
68 the gas consumption calculation including geographic data, weather information, average
69 building square footage and assumed appliances in buildings. The calculator estimates
70 the total monthly gas consumption as well as the hourly peak gas usage of the
71 community.

72 **Q. What size of IHP lines would be used to extend gas service to Genola?**

73 A. The Company performed a sizing study based upon the anticipated customer demand and
74 determined that a combination of 8", 6", 4" and 2" diameter IHP mains should be used to
75 serve the Community. The Company plans to utilize existing pressure regulator stations
76 SQ0003 and WA1582 to provide the natural gas supply to the Community. A copy of the
77 sizing study is attached as DEU Exhibit 2.05. The proposed route of the IHP mains are
78 shown as Option A in DEU Exhibit 2.06.

79 **Q. How did the Company determine the required IHP main sizes?**

80 A. The Company's IHP Engineering department built a gas network model of the Genola
81 community to determine the minimum main sizing for the entire system. The Company
82 calculated the loads driven by the potential gas customers using the residential load
83 calculator, included as Exhibit 2.04, and then applied these results to mains in the gas
84 network model. The Company determined lengths and position of mains using location
85 of residences based on aerial imagery. The Company accounted for regional growth in
86 main sizing as well. A full discussion of this exercise can be found in Exhibit 2.05,
87 Genola Rural Expansion Analysis.

88 **Q. How did the Company estimate the total length of the service lines in Genola?**

89 A. The Company developed a preliminary IHP main design in CAD and then imported that
90 design into Google Earth. The Company identified each potential customer in Google
91 Earth and drew a service line between the estimated future meter location and the IHP
92 main in the road. The meter location was estimated by using the location of the propane
93 tank and determining the most likely point where the fuel line would enter the home. The
94 Company maintained a spreadsheet with every home address and service line length.

95 **Q. Did the Company consider alternative designs for extending natural gas service to
96 Genola?**

97 A. Yes. In addition to the sizing considerations shown in DEU Exhibit 2.05 the Company
98 considered one additional routing option, which is shown as Option B in DEU Exhibit
99 2.06. Option B would extend natural gas into Genola by installing 1.2_miles of 8" high
100 pressure ("HP") pipeline from Santaquin and installing a new full size pressure regulator
101 station. Option B is significantly more expensive and complicated with additional risks
102 as new property acquisition is required. While option A does require more linear footage
103 of pipe, it does not require the construction of a regulator station and it contemplates
104 installation of less-expensive IHP pipe rather than steel high pressure pipe. Option A is
105 the most efficient and economical way to extend natural gas service to the community of
106 Genola.

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107 **Q. What are the cost differences between Option A and Option B?**

108 A. The estimated cost for this option is [REDACTED]. This amount includes construction of the
109 IHP mains and service lines. DEU Confidential Exhibit 2.07 show the detailed cost
110 summary for Option A. The estimated cost for the HP pipeline extension, regulator
111 station, IHP distribution system and service lines (“Option B”) is [REDACTED]. DEU
112 Confidential Exhibit 2.08 contains the cost summary for Option B.

113 To ensure the cost estimates are as accurate as reasonably possible, significant efforts
114 have gone into up-front design of the service lines and IHP mains, including estimated
115 lengths and proposed installation method. This design helped ensure that estimates for
116 material and labor quantities are as accurate as possible. An itemized summary of the
117 IHP main and service line design work is included in Exhibits 2.09 and 2.10.

118 **Q. What are the primary construction methods the Company plans to use for IHP
119 main and service line installation throughout the project?**

120 A. The cost estimates currently assume that approximately 75% of the IHP mains will be
121 installed by horizontal directional drilling (“HDD”), 25% will be installed by open
122 trench, and 100% of the service lines will be installed by HDD. The cost comparison
123 between installing pipe by HDD vs open trench varies depending on a variety of factors,
124 but primarily the surface type. If installing through asphalt, concrete or landscape, the
125 costs are typically about the same or potentially less for HDD. If installing through
126 native ground or a gravel surface then open trench will typically be less expensive. Other
127 factors the Company will consider when selecting construction methods include utility
128 crossing, railroad or canal crossings, traffic control, position of the IHP main in the
129 roadway and general community impact. The Company will work closely with its
130 contractor and jurisdictional representatives to consider all factors in determining the best
131 method of installation.

132 **Q. What contracts will be required to construct the facilities you have described.**

133 A. If the Utah Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approves this project, the
134 Company will conduct a bid process for construction of the facilities. The Company will

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135 evaluate the bids for cost, construction schedule, and the contractor's safety and
136 performance metrics.

137 **Q. What governmental authorizations are required to construct these facilities?**

138 A. The majority of the construction will be permitted and approved by the community of
139 Genola. A small portion of the work will be constructed on State Highways 141 and 6,
140 where UDOT will permit and approve the work. Additionally, 12 railroad crossings have
141 been identified and will be permitted through Union Pacific Railroad.

142 **Q. Have you developed a project schedule for the proposed expansion of service to
143 Genola?**

144 A. Yes. I estimate that the entire project would take approximately 8 months to construct. If
145 the Commission approves the project, the Company will commence construction during
146 the second quarter of 2024 and expects mains and the first service lines to be in service
147 by November 2024. Construction on service lines will continue after the system is in
148 service.

149 **Q. Will you please summarize your testimony?**

150 A. Yes. The Company proposes to invest [REDACTED] in IHP mains and services to serve
151 the community of Genola, Utah. The facilities would include 11,500 feet of 8" IHP
152 extensions from existing regulator stations SQ0003 and WA1582, a 7000 foot 6" IHP tie
153 between the two stations, and a combination of 4" and 2" IHP mains (38,650 feet of 4"
154 and 115,000 feet of 2") to provide a distribution system for the community. The
155 Company plans to install up to 507 services lines to any interested residents or businesses
156 that sign up for natural gas service.

157 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

158 A. Yes.

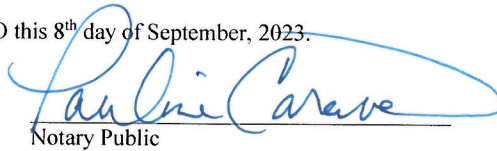
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) ss.
County of Salt Lake)

I, William S. Radford, being first duly sworn on oath, state that the answers in the foregoing written testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Except as stated in the testimony, the exhibits attached to the testimony were prepared by me or under my direction and supervision, and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Any exhibits not prepared by me or under my direction and supervision are true and correct copies of the documents they purport to be.



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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO this 8th day of September, 2023.



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