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## Action Request Response

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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**Date:** August 14, 2024

**Re:** **Docket No. 23-057-17, Enbridge Gas Utah's (Formerly** Dominion Energy Utah) Application for Approval of the 2024 Year Budget for Energy Efficiency Programs and Market Transformation Initiative  
**Docket No. 24-057-01, Enbridge Gas Utah's (Formerly** Dominion Energy Utah) Energy Efficiency Report, 2024

## Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") acknowledge Enbridge Gas Utah's, formerly Dominion Energy Utah, ("EGU" or "Company") report on the Market Transformation Initiative ("MTI") surpassing sixty-two percent (62%) and the ThermWise Appliance Program surpassing fifty-one percent (51%) of their respective budgets for 2024.

## Issue

On July 15, 2024, the Company filed its EE Report, notifying the Commission of the ThermWise Appliance Program and the MTI spending levels. The Commission issued an Action Request on July 15, 2024, requesting the Division review the report for compliance and to make any recommendations by August 14, 2024. Subsequently, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period requesting comments by August 14, 2024,

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with reply comments by August 29, 2024. This memorandum is the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request and Notice of Filing and Comment Period.

## **Background**

The Commission Order issued in Docket No. 09-57-15, dated January 12, 2010, stated that the Company was required to report to the Commission when any DSM program costs reached ninety percent (90%) of its budget, and if any DSM program costs reached fifty percent (50%) of its budget before June 30 each year, or if any DSM program costs are eighty percent (80%) of the budget by August. The Division reviewed the Company's report as filed and requested additional information from the Company for clarification.

## **Discussion**

The Company has complied with the Commission's order by submitting its spending report for the MTI and ThermWise Appliance Program, reaching sixty-two percent (62%) and fifty-one percent (51%), respectively, of their budgets by the end of May 2024. The Company has stated that historically, MTI's costs occur during the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year due to the media production and broadcast schedules. In the past seventeen years of operating the MTI program, expenditures have averaged 78% of its annual budget approved by the Commission. The ThermWise Appliance Program has had higher customer participation in the Dual Fuel Heating System and the 95% Annual Fuel Utilization Efficient (AFUE) Furnace measures. These two measures account for fifty percent (50%) of the program's budget. EGU is projecting that the MTI program will not exceed 100% of its \$1.32 million budget for 2024. The Company also projects that the ThermWise Appliance Program will meet 100% of the budget and not exceed the amount for 2024.

The Division and the Company will continue to monitor both programs' activity by reviewing the detailed quarterly reports.

## **Conclusion**

EGU has complied with the order and reported the appropriate information as required. The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's report of the MTI and ThermWise Appliance Programs surpassing sixty-two percent (62%) and fifty-one percent (51%), respectively, of the 2024 budgets by the end of May 2024.

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