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January 4, 2024

Mr. Kelly Mendenhall  
Dominion Energy Utah  
P.O. Box 45433  
Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0433

Re: *Dominion Energy Utah's Replacement Infrastructure 2024 Annual Plan and Budget - Docket No. 23-057-18*

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Dominion Energy Utah's (DEU) Replacement Infrastructure (RI) Annual Plan and Budget for calendar year 2024 ("2024 Plan") filed on November 15, 2023. The 2024 Plan sets forth a total budget of \$86.7 million for high pressure and intermediate high-pressure pipeline projects and other RI-associated work. The amount is based on the 2023 RI budget of \$84.7 million adjusted using the GDP deflator, as approved by the PSC in its December 23, 2022 Order in Docket No. 22-057-03 ("Order").<sup>1</sup> The 2024 Plan was filed pursuant to Section 2.07 of DEU's Utah Natural Gas Tariff PSCU 600 ("Tariff").

The PSC also reviewed the comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) on December 18, 2023. DPU provides a summary of the 2024 Plan in its comments and notes that DEU did not respond to questions before the December 15, 2023 deadline in the PSC's Action Request. DPU recommends the PSC acknowledge the 2024 Plan as complying with the PSC's Order. No other party filed comments.

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<sup>1</sup> DEU's 2024 Plan references the \$72.2 million budget the PSC approved in Docket No. 19-057-02 as the basis of its calculation of its proposed 2024 \$86.7 million budget, stating "[a]s shown in Exhibit 5, adjusting the [PSC]-allowed \$72.2 million 2020 budget cap using the GDP deflator as of October 2023 results in a \$86.7 million cap for 2024." Exhibit 5, however, correctly calculates DEU's proposed \$86.7 million budget based on the \$84.7 million budget that was re-set and approved by the PSC in the *Application of Dominion Energy Utah to Increase Distribution Rates and Charges and Make Tariff Modifications*, Docket No. 22-057-03, Order at 13-16, issued December 23, 2022.

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Based on the PSC's review of the 2024 Plan and DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC provisionally acknowledges that the 2024 Plan complies with Section 2.07 of DEU's Tariff.<sup>2</sup> The PSC directs DEU to provide answers to DPU's questions regarding 1) the reasons for the reduction in the FL replacement this year, and 2) the possible discrepancy between the budget and plan for FL 13. If DPU wishes to revise its recommendation after receiving DEU's explanations it may do so; if DPU does not file a revised recommendation, or a request for more time, within 30 days, the provisional acknowledgment will automatically become final.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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<sup>2</sup> The PSC approved DEU's Tariff, including Section 2.07, by order in Docket No. 22-057-03 and Section 2.07 of the Tariff includes the reporting requirements.