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- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Pass-Through Application of)
Dominion Energy Utah for an)
Adjustment in Rates and)
Charges for Natural Gas)
Service in Utah)
DOCKET NO. 23-057-25
Application of Dominion)
Energy Utah for an)
Adjustment to the Daily)
Transportation Imbalance)
Charge)
DOCKET NO. 23-057-26
Application of Dominion)
Energy Utah to Change the)
Infrastructure Rate)
Adjustment)
DOCKET NO. 23-057-27
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Energy Utah to Change the)
Rural Expansion Rate)
Adjustment)
DOCKET NO. 23-057-28

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3 PRESIDING OFFICER: Again, good morning
4 everyone. My name is John Delaney. I'm the
5 Commission's designated presiding officer for this
6 hearing. I'm having problems with this chair, if you're
7 wondering what I'm doing here.

8 Today is January 22nd, and it's approximately
9 9:00 o'clock a.m., and this is the time -- date and time
10 that's scheduled for the consolidated virtual hearing in
11 four dockets: First, Docket 23-057-25; second, Docket
12 23-057-26; third, Docket 23-057-27; and, finally, the
13 fourth docket is Docket 23-057-28.

14 Why don't we -- yeah, why don't we just --
15 let's start with appearances.

16 Ms. Clark, please.

17 MS. CLARK: Thanks. I'm Jenniffer Clark. I'm
18 counsel for Dominion Energy. I have three witnesses
19 with me today. Jessica Ipson will be speaking to the
20 pass-through. Jesse Jackson will be speaking to the 26
21 and 27 dockets, and Austin Summers will be speaking to
22 the 28 docket.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you very much. And
24 I'm sorry I didn't announce the titles of the filings,
25 but to be efficient, I just did it by number.

1 Okay. Mr. Grecu?

2 MR. GRECU: Patrick Grecu, Assistant Attorney
3 General, representing the Division of Public Utilities.
4 And our witnesses today will be Ryan Daigle for the 25
5 and 26 dockets, Eric Orton for the 27 docket, and
6 Matthew Perniciele for the 28 docket.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Great. I have a
8 few preliminary matters, and I'll just -- I'll get mine
9 out, and then if you have any, please feel free.

10 I will note for the record that on Friday
11 afternoon, on the 19th of January, we received a filing
12 from the Division of Public Utilities and also
13 Dominion's timely reply filing, and those both appeared
14 to address what I would characterize as what looked like
15 outstanding issues relating to the 28 -- the -28 docket.
16 So thank you for those filings, and we'll address those
17 filings as they relate to the 28 docket when we get to
18 the 28 docket. Okay?

19 Any other preliminary matters that anybody
20 would like to raise now?

21 MS. CLARK: Not from the Company's
22 perspective.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Mr. Grecu?

24 MR. GRECU: None from the Division.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER: Great. All right. Unless

1 anybody objects, I'd like to just proceed in order.
2 We'll begin with the 25, and we're going to do 25 and 26
3 separately, but we'll just proceed as -- in numerical
4 order and then end at 28. Okay?

5 MS. CLARK: Perfect.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Ms. Clark, if you'd
7 like to call your first witness in Docket 23-057-25.

8 MS. CLARK: Thanks. The Company calls Jessica
9 Ipson.

10 MS. IPSON: Good morning.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: Good morning, Ms. Ipson.
12 Do you swear to tell the truth?

13 MS. IPSON: Yes, I do.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER: Wonderful. Please
15 proceed.

16 JESSICA IPSON

17 was sworn and testified as follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 BY MS. CLARK:

20 Q. Ms. Ipson, can you please state your name and
21 business address for the record.

22 A. My name is Jessica Ipson. My business address
23 is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

24 Q. Can you describe your position and your
25 responsibilities with the Company?

1 A. I am a regulatory consultant, and I put
2 together this pass-through filing.

3 Q. Ms. Ipson, the Company filed a verified
4 application in this docket along with accompanying
5 Exhibits 1.1 through 1.9. Were those prepared by you or
6 under your direction?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And do you adopt their contents as your
9 testimony today?

10 A. I do.

11 MS. CLARK: The Company moves for the
12 admission of the application and accompanying Exhibits
13 1.1 through 1.9.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

15 Mr. Grecu, any objection to that motion?

16 MR. GRECU: No objection.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Ms. Clark, your
18 motion is granted.

19 (DEU's Verified Application and Exhibits
20 1.1-1.9 admitted into evidence.)

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

22 Q. (BY MS. CLARK) Ms. Ipson, can you please
23 describe the relief the Company seeks in this docket?

24 A. Yes. In pass-through Docket Number 23-057-25,
25 Dominion Energy respectfully asks the Utah Public

1 Service Commission for approval of \$847,954,472 in Utah
2 gas cost coverage. The Company is proposing to leave
3 the base commodity and the commodity amortization
4 unchanged to continue to reduce the under-collected
5 balance to save customers on interest expense.

6 The Company is proposing to update the SNG
7 base and SNG amortization in this docket. The SNG
8 balance is over-collected from expected levels by
9 \$14,759,603, which leads to the credit amortization
10 listed on Exhibit 1.5, page 6. If this application is
11 approved, a typical Utah GS customer using 70 dekatherms
12 per year would see a decrease of \$10.80, or a total
13 annual decrease of about 1.4 percent.

14 These rates are just, reasonable, and in the
15 public interest. Therefore, we request the rates
16 proposed be allowed to go into effect on February 1,
17 2024, on an interim basis. That concludes my summary.

18 MS. CLARK: Ms. Ipson is available for
19 cross-examination or Commission questions.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

21 Mr. Grecu, any questions for the witness?

22 MR. GRECU: No questions.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. I don't have any
24 questions either. Let's --

25 MS. IPSON: Okay. Thank you.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

2 Mr. Grecu, your witness?

3 MR. GRECU: The Division would like to call
4 Ryan Daigle.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: There you are. Good
6 morning, Mr. Daigle.

7 MR. DAIGLE: Good morning.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER: Do you swear to tell the
9 truth?

10 MR. DAIGLE: I do.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you. You are sworn.

12 RYAN DAIGLE

13 was sworn and testified as follows:

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. GRECU:

16 Q. Mr. Daigle, could you please state and spell
17 your name for the record.

18 A. My name is Ryan Daigle, R-y-a-n D-a-i-g-l-e.

19 Q. And by whom are you employed, and what is your
20 position?

21 A. The Division of Public Utilities, and I'm a
22 utility analyst.

23 Q. And your business address?

24 A. 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah
25 84114.

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1 Q. And could you provide a brief overview of your
2 educational experience and relevant work experience?

3 A. I have approximately ten years in oil and gas
4 and regulatory work, and I have a bachelor's of science
5 in mechanical engineering.

6 Q. And have you participated in this docket on
7 behalf of the Division?

8 A. I have.

9 Q. Regarding your participation in this docket,
10 could you briefly describe your activities?

11 A. I reviewed the rates proposed by Dominion
12 Energy Utah and related exhibits for the 191 account.

13 Q. And did you prepare and cause to be filed or
14 participate in the preparation and filing of the
15 Division's Action Request Response filed on
16 January 16th, 2024, in this docket?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to that
19 filing?

20 A. I do not.

21 Q. And do you adopt the contents of that filing
22 as part of your testimony today?

23 A. I do.

24 Q. And based on your review, would approval of
25 this application be just, reasonable, and in the public

1 interest?

2 A. It would.

3 MR. GRECU: At this point I'd like to move to
4 admit the Division's Action Request Response filed on
5 January 16th, 2024.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

7 Ms. Clark, any objections to that motion?

8 MS. CLARK: No, no objection.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Your motion is
10 granted, Counsel.

11 (DPU's Action Request Response admitted
12 into evidence.)

13 Q. (BY MR. GRECU) Mr. Daigle, do you have a
14 summary to share today?

15 A. I do.

16 Q. Please proceed.

17 A. In Docket 23-057-25, or the 191 pass-through
18 application, Dominion requests approval for a decrease
19 of \$19,235,183 in its Utah natural gas rates. If this
20 application is approved, a typical GS residential
21 customer using 70 dekatherms per year will see a
22 decrease in their total annual bill of \$10.80, or
23 1.4 percent.

24 The Company proposes to maintain the current
25 debit amortization of approximately \$1.95949 per

1 dekatherm, which was approved in the last 191 filing
2 under Docket Number 23-057-03 on the under-collected
3 balance in the commodity portion of the 191 account.
4 The driving force behind the request to maintain current
5 commodity rates is in an effort to decrease the
6 313 million under-collected 191 account. Although the
7 base commodity and commodity amortization rates remain
8 unchanged, the Company proposes this adjustment to the
9 rates and the charges in this docket due to the
10 over-collection in the supplier non-gas portion of the
11 191 account.

12 The Division has reviewed Dominion's
13 application and finds the proposed rate decrease to be
14 just, reasonable, and in the public interest and
15 recommends the Commission approve the rate changes on an
16 interim basis with the proposed effective date of
17 February 1st, 2024.

18 This concludes my summary.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 MR. GRECU: The witness is now available for
21 cross-examination and questions from the hearing
22 officer.

23 THE COURT: Thank you.

24 Ms. Clark, any questions for this witness?

25 MS. CLARK: No questions. Thanks.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. And I don't have
2 any questions for this witness either. Thank you very
3 much.

4 MR. GRECU: Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. That's -- anything
6 further on the -25 docket?

7 MR. GRECU: Nothing from the Division.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay.

9 MS. CLARK: Nothing from the Company.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you. Why don't we
11 then move to Docket 23-507-26, and, Ms. Clark, please
12 call your first witness.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you. The Company calls
14 Jesse Jackson.

15 MR. JACKSON: Good morning.

16 PRESIDING OFFICER: Good morning -- oh, there
17 you are. Good morning, Mr. Jackson. Do you swear to
18 tell the truth?

19 MR. JACKSON: Yes.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: Please proceed.

21 JESSE JACKSON

22 was sworn and testified as follows:

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. CLARK:

25 Q. Mr. Jackson, can you please state your name

1 and business address for the record.

2 A. Jesse Jackson. Business address is 333 South
3 State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

4 Q. Can you describe your position and
5 responsibilities with the Company.

6 A. Yes. I work as a regulatory specialist.

7 Q. And, Mr. Jackson, the Company filed a verified
8 application in this docket along with accompanying
9 Exhibits 1.1 through 1.3. Were those all prepared by
10 you or under your direction?

11 A. Yes, they were.

12 Q. And do you adopt their contents as your
13 testimony today?

14 A. I do.

15 MS. CLARK: The Company would move for the
16 admission of the application and accompanying Exhibits
17 1.1 through 1.3.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

19 Any objections from the Division with respect
20 to that motion, Mr. Grecu?

21 MR. GRECU: No objection.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Ms. Clark, your
23 motion is granted.

24 (DEU's Verified Application and Exhibits
25 1.1-1.3 admitted into evidence.)

1 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

2 Q. (BY MS. CLARK) Mr. Jackson, can you please
3 summarize the relief the Company seeks today?

4 A. Yes. In this docket the Company requests an
5 adjustment to the transportation imbalance charge to
6 appropriately collect costs associated with managing
7 imbalance dekatherms transported on the Company's
8 distribution system.

9 The proposed imbalance charge reflects costs
10 borne by the Company to manage net imbalance dekatherms,
11 transportation service customers divided by the
12 imbalance dekatherms that are over the 5 percent
13 tolerance threshold. The resulting imbalance rate of
14 8.9 cents is 3.5 percent lower than the transportation
15 imbalance charge currently in effect.

16 This charge will only be applied to
17 transportation service volumes that differ from
18 nomination volumes more than 5 percent. The
19 transportation imbalance charge continues to serve its
20 intended purpose and is just, reasonable, and in the
21 public service, and the Company requests approval of
22 these interim rates effective February 1st, 2024.

23 And this concludes my summary.

24 MS. CLARK: Mr. Jackson is available for
25 cross-examination and from -- for Commission questions.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

2 Mr. Grecu, any questions for the Division?

3 MR. GRECU: No questions.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. I don't have any
5 questions either. Thank you very much, Mr. Jackson.

6 Division, would you like to call your first
7 witness in this docket?

8 MR. GRECU: Division would like to, again,
9 call Ryan, Mr. Ryan Daigle.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER: Hello, Mr. Daigle. Again,
11 you're still sworn. Please -- please proceed.

12 MR. DAIGLE: Thank you.

13 RYAN DAIGLE

14 having previously been sworn, testified as follows:

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. GRECU:

17 Q. Mr. Daigle, could you please state and spell
18 your name for the record.

19 A. Ryan Daigle, R-y-a-n D-a-i-g-l-e.

20 Q. And by whom are you employed, and what is your
21 position?

22 A. The Division of Public Utilities, and I'm a
23 utility analyst.

24 Q. And your business address?

25 A. 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

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1 84114.

2 Q. And can you provide a brief overview of your
3 educational and relevant -- educational background and
4 relevant work experience?

5 A. I have about ten years of experience in oil
6 and gas and regulatory work, and I have a bachelor's of
7 science in mechanical engineering.

8 Q. And have you participated in this docket on
9 behalf of the Division?

10 A. I have.

11 Q. And did you prepare and cause to be filed or
12 participate in the preparation of the filing of the
13 Division's Action Request Response filed on
14 January 16th, 2024, in this docket?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to
17 that?

18 A. I do not.

19 Q. And do you adopt the contents of that filing
20 as part of your testimony today?

21 A. I do.

22 Q. And based on your review, would approval of
23 the application be just, reasonable, and in the public
24 interest?

25 A. It would.

1 MR. GRECU: I'd like to move to admit the
2 Division's Action Request Response filed on
3 January 16th, 2024.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

5 Any objection from Dominion on that motion?

6 MS. CLARK: No objection.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Mr. Grecu, the
8 motion is -- your motion is granted.

9 (DPU's Action Request Response admitted
10 into evidence.)

11 MR. GRECU: Thank you.

12 Q. (BY MR. GRECU) Mr. Daigle, do you have a
13 summary to share today?

14 A. I do. May I proceed?

15 Q. Yes, please.

16 A. The transportation imbalance charge was
17 established to charge transportation customers for the
18 supplier non-gas services which are being used on the
19 Company's natural gas distribution network. The
20 calculations of this rate is based on the methodology
21 approved in Docket Number 14-057-31 and is to be
22 adjusted with each pass-through filing and in the next
23 general rate case.

24 This is the second adjustment in 2023, and the
25 proposed adjustment represents a change from to \$0.09187

1 per dekatherm to \$0.08869 per dekatherm and is
2 calculated based on the actual volumes of gas used by
3 the transportation customers for the 12 months ended
4 November 30th, 2023.

5 This rate applies to customers who are taking
6 service under the transportation rate schedules, and any
7 amount collected is credited to the GS customers through
8 the 191 account. This transportation imbalance charge
9 rate does not impact all transportation customers and
10 applies only when a customer's nominations are outside
11 of a 5 percent daily tolerance limit. Transportation
12 customers can minimize or entirely avoid the
13 transportation imbalance charge through accurate daily
14 gas nominations.

15 Based on our initial review, the Division
16 concludes that the requested changes and the resulting
17 rates are just, reasonable, and in the public interest.
18 The Division recommends the proposed rate and changes be
19 approved on an interim basis with the proposed effective
20 date of February 1st, 2024, until a full audit review of
21 the 191 account can be completed.

22 This concludes my summary. Thank you.

23 MR. GRECU: The witness is now available for
24 cross-examination and any questions from the hearing
25 officer.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER: Ms. Clark, any questions
2 from Dominion?

3 MS. CLARK: No questions -- no, no questions.
4 Thank you.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: I didn't have any
6 questions for you either. Thank you very much,
7 Mr. Daigle.

8 MR. DAIGLE: Thank you.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Why don't we move
10 on to the next docket, which is Docket 23-057-27, and,
11 Ms. Clark, please proceed.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you. We once again call
13 Mr. Jackson.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER: Hello, Mr. Jackson.
15 You're still under oath.

16 Please go ahead, Ms. Clark.

17 JESSE JACKSON

18 having previously been sworn, testified as follows:

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION

20 BY MS. CLARK:

21 Q. Mr. Jackson, in this docket the Company filed
22 a verified application along with accompanying Exhibits
23 1.1 through 1.6. Were those documents also prepared by
24 you or under your direction?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And do you adopt the contents of these -- of
2 those documents as part of your testimony today?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 MS. CLARK: The Company would move for the
5 admission of the verified application in this docket
6 along with accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.6.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

8 Mr. Grecu, any objection to the motion?

9 MR. GRECU: No objection.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.

11 Your motion is granted, Ms. Clark.

12 (DEU's Verified Application and Exhibits
13 1.1-1.6 admitted into evidence.)

14 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

15 Q. (BY MS. CLARK) Mr. Jackson, can you please
16 summarize the relief that the Company seeks in the 27
17 docket today?

18 A. Yes. In this docket the Company seeks to
19 adjust the infrastructure tracker replacement rate to
20 include investment related to replacement projects that
21 were in service as of December 31, 2023. The Company is
22 requesting \$2.9 million in annual revenue related to
23 this investment, and, if approved, this would result in
24 an increase of \$1.64 per year or .17 percent paid by a
25 typical customer using 70 dekatherms per year.

1 The proposed rates are just, reasonable, and
2 in the public interest. Therefore, the Company requests
3 that the rates be approved on an interim basis with an
4 effective date of February 1st, 2024. And this
5 concludes my summary.

6 MS. CLARK: Mr. Jackson is available for
7 cross-examination and questions from the Commission.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

9 Mr. Grecu, any questions for Mr. Jackson?

10 MR. GRECU: No questions.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. I do have a couple
12 of questions.

13 EXAMINATION

14 BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

15 Q. So I'll note for the record that DEU filed an
16 application to change the infrastructure rate adjustment
17 on December 1st, 2023, in Docket 23-057-22, and that was
18 granted by order dated December 21st, 2023. And now on
19 December 23rd -- or 28th, 2023, in this docket, DEU's
20 filed another application to change the infrastructure
21 rate adjustment. It's an application very similar to
22 the one that was just filed and ruled on. So I just
23 want to clarify something quickly here.

24 If I compare those two applications, the 22 --
25 -22 application and the -27 application, it appears that

1 the difference between those two applications is -- it's
2 just the date range of the -- of the -- the date range
3 that's covered by the incurred costs. That is, that the
4 22 application addressed -- addressed costs through
5 November 2023, and this -27 application addresses costs
6 only in the month of December 2023.

7 Is that accurate, Mr. Jackson?

8 A. Yeah, that's accurate.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Yeah. The costs get moved to get recovery as
11 soon as accounting closes those projects and they're
12 not -- they're no longer in the construction work and
13 process account. So as they get moved out, we look at
14 it, and then we can decide if it's prudent to file a
15 pass -- or the tracker to recover those costs. So yeah.
16 Yeah, that would be accurate.

17 Q. Okay. And the genesis of the question was --
18 this application looked a lot like one I just saw --
19 that's really where it came from. So your answer is
20 "yes" to my question, which was a long question, but
21 basically the December 2023 costs are captured in this
22 new -27 application, and they weren't in the -22
23 application?

24 A. Yes, correct.

25 Q. Thank you. I will follow back with DPU on

1 that same sort of confirmation.

2 So another question I had -- and be patient
3 with me on this one, because it relates back to the
4 general rate case order -- is that in that order, which
5 was issued December 28th, 2022, in Docket 22-057-03, as
6 it relates to the infrastructure replacement adjustment,
7 there is a requirement in that order that DEU provide
8 verification to insure the tracker costs have not been
9 included twice and the request is that it happen in an
10 upcoming tracker proceeding, and I will read for the
11 record the exact language so you all can be oriented
12 properly.

13 It's, again, on page 16, and I'm just going to
14 read the penultimate sentence. So, contextually, there
15 may be some things missing that we can talk about. But
16 it says, "We also direct, consistent with prior orders
17 and to ensure program transparency, that DEU provide
18 verification in an upcoming tracker proceeding to ensure
19 no tracker costs have been included twice, period." And
20 that closes the discussion on page 16, which actually
21 begins on 13.

22 So I guess my question is -- I've looked at
23 that, and I've looked at the history of DEU's tracker
24 filings since that order was issued, and by my count,
25 there's been two: One was the -22 docket, and the

1 second is this -27 docket. And I have been unable to
2 find any sort of written verification as it relates to
3 either of those two tracker proceedings.

4 So the question -- first question is am I
5 missing -- are we missing something? Has some sort of
6 verification been filed with respect to either one of
7 the earlier filing or docket or this current -27 docket?

8 A. I think the information that would meet that
9 requirement is found in Exhibit 1.1, and that shows the
10 costs that were put into each project by month. And
11 then if you follow the detail, you can see where once we
12 were -- we reached the 84.7 thousand threshold, then we
13 start moving costs to recover in the rate -- the tracker
14 rate.

15 Q. Okay. So that's helpful. Thank you very much
16 for that. Because I'm just trying to figure out -- and,
17 again, as I said, be patient with me. Because while my
18 question was have -- have you written -- have you
19 submitted something in writing? And your question --
20 your answer was, yes, look at the exhibits. I guess I
21 was looking for something more express that says, "I
22 hereby verify that there's been no double counting," but
23 that being said, that was just the concept in my head.

24 What you're saying today to me under oath is,
25 yes, while it might not be exactly as you just

1 envisioned it, Mr. Delaney, it's still in there,
2 relative to the -- beginning with Exhibit 1.1 and
3 proceeding through, then, the details supporting 1.1.

4 So it sounds to me --

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. -- that you're in a position, actually, to
7 make that verification under oath today. Does anyone --
8 I mean, I'm just looking to try to tie this into a
9 little tighter knot here.

10 So are you, Mr. Jackson, in a position to make
11 that verification today as a -- as reflected in the
12 order that there's been no -- nothing counted twice thus
13 far?

14 A. Yeah. And then I'll also just refer to
15 paragraph 4a in the application where there's also a
16 commentary on that.

17 Q. That too is very helpful. Did you say
18 paragraph -- repeat that again. I'm sorry. I was
19 trying to find my document. Paragraph 4?

20 A. Paragraph 4 -- 4, yeah.

21 Q. Okay. And this is a verified application,
22 verified by you, I assume. Oh, it's actually verified
23 by Mr. Mendenhall. Okay. Okay. We can -- I'm -- I'm
24 fine on where we stand. Thanks for providing me the
25 information you provided me. I think, you know, while

1 we're here, I just wanted to get what we could to try to
2 tie that up, and I think we're -- I think we're pretty
3 close. I'll talk to the Division about that too.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. That's -- that's it
5 from my questions for Mr. Jackson on this docket.

6 Mr. Grecu, did you -- do you have any
7 questions of the witness now?

8 MR. GRECU: No questions, no.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Great. Thank you,
10 Mr. Jackson.

11 Why don't we move to the Division and your
12 witness?

13 MR. GRECU: The Division would like to call
14 Mr. Eric Orton.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER: Good morning, Mr. Orton.

16 MR. ORTON: Good morning.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER: Do you swear to tell the
18 truth?

19 MR. ORTON: Yes, I do.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

21 Mr. Grecu, please proceed.

22 ERIC ORTON

23 was sworn and testified as follows:

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. GRECU:

1 Q. Could you please state and spell your name for
2 the record.

3 A. My name is Eric Orton. That's E-r-i-c
4 O-r-t-o-n.

5 Q. And by whom are you employed, and what is your
6 position?

7 A. I'm employed by the Utah Division of Public
8 Utilities. My title is a utility technical consultant.

9 Q. And what is your business address?

10 A. 160 East 300 South here in Salt Lake City.

11 Q. Could you provide a brief overview of your
12 educational background and relevant work experience?

13 A. Certainly. I have a master's in business
14 administration, and I've been in utility regulation here
15 in Utah for over 25 years.

16 Q. Have you participated in this docket on behalf
17 of the Division?

18 A. I have.

19 Q. Regarding your participation, could you
20 describe your activities?

21 A. Certainly. I reviewed the application as well
22 as the filed exhibits, compared those to the previous
23 filing last months and the appropriate section of the
24 tariff. I also referenced other filings in the past,
25 did my analysis, and composed the Division's comments.

1 Q. Did you prepare and cause to be filed or
2 participate in the preparation and filing of the
3 Division's Action Request Response filed on December --
4 or -- excuse me -- January 16th, 2024, in this docket?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to that
7 filing?

8 A. No. It's accurate, as far as I'm aware.

9 Q. Do you adopt the contents of that filing as
10 part of your testimony today?

11 A. I do.

12 Q. And based on your review, would approval of
13 this application be just, reasonable, and in the public
14 interest?

15 A. Yes, on an interim basis.

16 MR. GRECU: Okay. I'd like to move to admit
17 the Division's Action Request Response filed on
18 January 16th, 2024.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

20 Ms. Clark, any objection to that motion?

21 MS. CLARK: No objection.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.

23 Mr. Grecu, your motion is granted.

24 (DPU's Action Request Response admitted
25 into evidence.)

1 MR. GRECU: Thank you.

2 Q. (BY MR. GRECU) Mr. Orton, do you have a
3 summary to share today?

4 A. I do.

5 Q. Please proceed.

6 A. Thank you. Based on our preliminary review of
7 the application, the Division recommends the Commission
8 approve the proposed rates in this infrastructure rate
9 adjustment filing as requested by Dominion on an interim
10 basis with an effective date of February 1, 2024.

11 Dominion filed this application requesting to
12 modify the infrastructure rate adjustment to the
13 distribution non-gas cost portion of its Utah natural
14 gas rates schedules pursuant to Section 2.07 of its
15 tariff.

16 The current proposal represents a revenue
17 requirement increase of \$2.869 million. If approved,
18 the typical GS residential customer would see an annual
19 increase of \$1.64 or .017 percent. This application
20 complies with past Commission orders.

21 Based on the Division's initial review, the
22 Division recommends that the proposed rates are just,
23 reasonable, and in the public interest. The Division
24 recommends the Commission approve the proposed rates on
25 an interim basis until the Division can complete its

1 audit review, at which time it will make a final
2 recommendation to the Commission to include prudently
3 incurred costs in general rates as part of the next
4 general rate case.

5 That concludes my summary. Thank you.

6 MR. GRECU: The witness is now available for
7 cross-examination and questions from the hearing
8 officer.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

10 Ms. Clark, any questions from Dominion for
11 Mr. Orton?

12 MS. CLARK: No, thanks.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.

14 And I don't have any questions for -- oh, you
15 know what? I said I did earlier. So I do now.

16 EXAMINATION

17 BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

18 Q. Mr. Orton, I -- you were -- you were present
19 and hopefully listening to my questions I posed to
20 Mr. Jackson?

21 A. I was.

22 Q. Good. So I can hopefully avoid having to
23 repeat what were otherwise very long questions to begin
24 with. I'll try to sum it up. So the first question as
25 to this docket was the difference between the -22 docket

1 and the -27 docket.

2 Do you remember those -- that line of
3 questioning?

4 A. I do, yes.

5 Q. Okay. And based on your attention to that
6 line of questioning, do you have any disagreement with
7 Mr. Jackson's testimony that the -22 docket -- I mean --
8 sorry -- the -27 docket's inclusions are different from
9 what was in the -22 inclusion relative to a date range?

10 A. That's exactly right. This is really one more
11 month.

12 (Reporter clarification.)

13 Q. (BY MR. GRECU) That's exactly the way I
14 should have asked the question. Thank you very much.

15 The next question has to do with the
16 verification issue, and you were present for that line
17 of questioning; right?

18 A. I was.

19 Q. Okay. So Mr. Jackson's testimony was that
20 there's a couple of ways from written submissions thus
21 far that would support that verification, the first one
22 being Exhibit 1.1 attached to this -- this filing and
23 its detail.

24 Would you agree with Mr. Jackson's conclusion
25 that that would serve as a verification of no double

1 counting?

2 A. I think it would serve as a verification.
3 However, if I may, I do really like the idea of boxing
4 it in more closely. I think a statement from the
5 Company to that thought would be beneficial in one of
6 these filings, that there is no double counting.

7 Q. Okay. We'll take that under consideration.

8 I guess the -- let me -- let me ask you on his
9 second point of information that further supports that
10 they have verified this statement, which was paragraph 4
11 in the verified application. Now, I know that does cite
12 to Exhibit 1.1, but do you agree with Mr. Jackson's
13 testimony that paragraph 4 of the verified application,
14 which definitionally is verified, further supports the
15 conclusion that there is no double counting?

16 A. I think it's a supported evidence, but I still
17 would rather have a conclusive statement saying that.
18 So, yes, it is supported. I agree.

19 Q. Okay. Okay. That's all the questions I have
20 for you, Mr. Orton.

21 PRESIDING OFFICER: But I would like to ask
22 Ms. Nelson, as I asked Mr. Grecu when I passed your
23 witness, do you have any follow-up questions based on
24 what I just talked to Mr. Orton about?

25 MS. CLARK: I do not. Thanks.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you. Okay.
2 Shall we -- thank you, Mr. Orton.

3 Shall we move on to the next docket, the last
4 docket? Okay. We are going to now discuss Docket
5 23-057-28.

6 Ms. Clark, please feel free to call your first
7 witness.

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you. The Company calls
9 Austin Summers.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER: Good morning, Mr. --

11 MR. SUMMERS: Good morning.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER: -- Summers. Nice to see
13 you.

14 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you. Good to see you.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER: Do you swear to tell the
16 truth?

17 MR. SUMMERS: Yes, sir. I do.

18 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

19 Please proceed, Ms. Clark.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

21 AUSTIN SUMMERS

22 was sworn and testified as follows:

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MS. CLARK:

25 Q. Mr. Summers, please state your name and

1 business address for the record.

2 A. My name is Austin Summers. My business
3 address is 333 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

4 Q. What position do you hold with the company?

5 A. I'm a manager of rates and regulation.

6 Q. Mr. Summers, the Company filed a verified
7 application with accompanying Exhibits 1.1 through 1.8
8 in this docket and also filed reply comments with
9 exhibits that are attached as 1.1 and -- 1.1R and 1.2R.
10 Were all these documents prepared by you or under your
11 direction?

12 A. Yes, they were.

13 Q. And do you adopt the contents of these
14 documents as your testimony today?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And do you have any corrections to any of
17 these documents?

18 A. I do have one correction in the application.
19 I am looking at the application on the first page, the
20 first paragraph, and I am -- one, two, three -- four
21 lines down on that -- the line that starts with
22 "adjustment." And that line reads, "Adjustment to the
23 Distribution Non-Gas (DNG) cost portions of its Utah GS,
24 FS, IS, TSF, and TSI --" TSF and TSI should be changed
25 to TSF, TSM, and TSL. The TSF and TSI rates were done

1 away with, and those new rate classes have taken their
2 place.

3 MS. CLARK: And the Company would then move
4 for the admission of the application and accompanying
5 Exhibits 1.1 through 1.8 as corrected and also the reply
6 comments with the accompanying Exhibits 1.1R and 1.2R.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

8 Mr. Grecu, any objection from the Division on
9 the motion that's pending?

10 MR. GRECU: No objection.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Ms. Clark, your
12 motion is granted.

13 (DEU's Verified Application and Exhibits
14 1.1-1.8 and DEU's Reply Comments and
15 Exhibits 1.1R and 1.2R admitted into
16 evidence.)

17 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

18 Q. (BY MS. CLARK) Mr. Summers, can you please
19 summarize the relief that the Company seeks in this
20 application?

21 A. Yes. I can. And I note that my camera -- it
22 looks like it has stopped moving, on my screen anyway,
23 but I'm still here. So I will give my -- my summary.

24 In Docket Number 23-057-28, Dominion Energy is
25 requesting rate recovery for investment made in the

1 rural expansion projects that are currently in service.
2 This includes Eureka, Goshen, Elberta, and Green River.
3 These investments were made through November 30th, 2023,
4 and include the costs of the high pressure and
5 intermediate high pressure mains that were installed to
6 serve Goshen, Elberta, and Green River. It also
7 includes the cost of the service lines that have already
8 been installed and are serving new customers.

9 This is the Company's second request under the
10 rural expansion tracker model that was approved by the
11 Commission in Docket Number 19-057-31. Though these
12 communities are all being served, they each still have
13 service lines being installed. The cost of additional
14 service lines will be brought to the Commission in
15 future applications.

16 I have read the Division's memo in this docket
17 where it recommended that the Company's request be
18 denied. The Company worked with the Division to
19 alleviate its concerns, and in the Company's reply
20 comments, it provided new DEU Exhibits 1.1R and 1.2R.
21 These new exhibits show the expansion area where each
22 project took place. These updated exhibits should
23 address the Division's concern regarding the projects
24 that were included in the cost.

25 The Division's memo also said that the

1 Company's request should be denied until an audit can be
2 performed. The Company's reply comments clarified that
3 the rates should be approved on an interim basis and
4 that an audit of the cost happen later. This is the
5 same process that is described in the tariff and is the
6 same process that is used in the Company's pass-through
7 filings, infrastructure replacement filings, and others.

8 The investment in this docket provides the
9 requested incremental revenue requirement of \$2,992,125.
10 A typical GS residential customer using 70 dekatherms
11 per year will see an increase in their annual bills of
12 \$1.69, or an increase of about 0.18 percent.

13 The Company believes it has addressed the
14 concerns raised in the Division's memo and that the
15 requested rates should be approved.

16 These changes are just, reasonable, and in the
17 public interest, and the Company requests Commission
18 approval of these interim rates with an effective date
19 of February 1st, 2024. And that concludes my summary.

20 MS. CLARK: Mr. Summers is available for
21 cross-examination and Commission questions.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

23 Mr. Grecu, any questions on behalf of the
24 Division for this witness?

25 MR. GRECU: The Division has no questions.

1 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you. And I don't
2 have any questions either. Thank you, Mr. Summers.

3 MR. SUMMERS: Thank you.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER: Mr. Grecu, if you'd like
5 to call your witness.

6 MR. GRECU: The Division calls Matthew
7 Pernichele.

8 MR. PERNICHELE: Good morning.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: Good morning,
10 Mr. Pernichele. Do you swear to tell the truth?

11 MR. PERNICHELE: Yes.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you very much.

13 Mr. Grecu, you may proceed.

14 MR. GRECU: Thank you.

15 MATTHEW PERNICHELE

16 was sworn and testified as follows:

17 DIRECT EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. GRECU:

19 Q. Could you please state and spell your name for
20 the record.

21 A. It's Matt Pernichele, M-a-t-t
22 P-e-r-n-i-c-h-e-l-e.

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

25 A. I am employed by the Utah Division of Public

1 Utilities, where I am a utility analyst.

2 Q. And what is your business address?

3 A. 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

4 Q. And could you provide a brief overview of your
5 educational background and relevant work experience?

6 A. I have an MBA and a JD from the University of
7 Utah. I was a -- in various roles in accounting and
8 finance for eight years. I've been a controller for a
9 small company, and I've attended several training
10 classes since I've been with the Division.

11 Q. Have you participated in this docket on behalf
12 of the Division?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And regarding that participation, could you
15 briefly describe your activities?

16 A. I reviewed Dominion's filing in this docket
17 and the previous dockets that flowed into it. I asked
18 some clarifying questions of Dominion last week. I
19 wrote the Division's action response request and
20 modified that with my reply comments.

21 Q. And do you have any changes or corrections to
22 those filings?

23 A. I do not.

24 Q. And do you adopt the contents of those filings
25 as part of your testimony today?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 Q. And based on your initial review, would
3 approval of the Company's application be just,
4 reasonable, and in the public interest?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. GRECU: I'd like to move to admit the
7 Division's Action Request Response filed January 16th,
8 2024, and the Reply Comments filed January 19th, 2024.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

10 Ms. Clark, any objection to the pending
11 motion?

12 MS. CLARK: No. Thank you.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.

14 Mr. Grecu, your motion is granted.

15 (DPU's Action Request Response and Reply
16 Comments admitted into evidence.)

17 MR. GRECU: Thank you.

18 Q. (BY MR. GRECU) Mr. Pernichele, do you have a
19 summary to share today?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Please proceed.

22 A. The Division recommends that the Commission
23 approve Dominion's application and proposed new rates on
24 an interim basis, pending an audit as part of Dominion's
25 next general rate case. The application meets the

1 relevant requirements established by statute and the
2 Commission's orders, and the resulting rates are just,
3 reasonable, and in the public interest.

4 Dominion is asking the Commission to allow it
5 to add certain costs of expanding service to the rural
6 expansion tracking mechanism so it can start to recover
7 these costs in rates. This will add approximately
8 \$23.67 million to the RETM, which is the cost Dominion
9 incurred to expand service to Eureka, Elberta, and
10 Goshen and Green River between January 22 -- January of
11 2022 and December of 2023.

12 The typical GS customer's bill would go up by
13 \$1.69 per year and an -- which is an increase of
14 .18 percent. Dominion proposes adding these costs to
15 rates beginning February 1st of this year.

16 The Division initially recommended denying the
17 application due to lack of certain information, as
18 Mr. Summers outlined. I've discussed that with
19 Mr. Summers and others at Dominion, and they have
20 answered my questions and provided additional
21 information that allowed me to match the expenses and
22 assurances that the projects they're putting into the
23 RETM are in service. They also explained to me my error
24 on the auditing procedure for this sort of docket.

25 That concludes my summary.

1 Q. Thank you.

2 MR. GRECU: The witness is available for
3 cross-examination and questions from the hearing
4 officer.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: Thank you.

6 Ms. Clark, any questions for this witness?

7 MS. CLARK: No questions. Thanks.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. I do have a couple
9 of questions for you, sir.

10 EXAMINATION

11 BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

12 Q. First one is Mr. Summers made a modification
13 to his -- to Dominion's original filing in his testimony
14 as it relates to the TS class. Does that change that he
15 made today in any way alter your -- the Division's
16 recommendation and/or your testimony today?

17 A. I don't believe so. That must be in a newer
18 version of the tariff than the one I'm using. So I
19 haven't actually checked that yet. So -- I don't
20 believe it does.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. But if you feel as though -- I mean, I
23 would -- it would be nice to check it.

24 Q. If I understood Mr. Summers' testimony, the
25 change is based on what happened in the general rate

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1 case and how the transportation classes were split up
2 and redefined.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER: If I can bounce back to
4 Mr. Summers. Is that -- is that right, Mr. Summers?

5 MR. SUMMERS: That is correct.

6 Q. (BY PRESIDING OFFICER) Okay. Let's park that
7 one for a minute because that -- that you -- you aren't
8 certain and that you'd like to check makes me inclined
9 to take a break here and do that, or at least confer
10 with counsel, and it looks like you guys are not in the
11 same room. So that might take a second.

12 If the representation were made that the -- in
13 fact, what I just said, which is that the general rate
14 case split up the former transportation class into
15 different classes and -- and Mr. Summers' change simply
16 reflects the new acronym that's assigned to each new
17 class, would that make you feel any better about not
18 needing to check -- and the answer could be no. If you
19 still want to check, let me know. But does that make
20 you feel any better?

21 A. No, that would.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. I'm comfortable with that.

24 Q. Okay. I think we're going to move on. I
25 guess I just provided potential testimony, but that

1 wasn't the intention.

2 Okay. So the next question is -- I'm glad
3 things got resolved between the parties before today's
4 hearing. I meant what I said when I said thank you for
5 the filings on Friday. But because of where it was
6 procedurally, it did put me in a position to really,
7 really, really, really dig in.

8 So I do need to ask you a question,
9 Mr. Pernichele, because you use a phrase in your initial
10 office -- or excuse me -- the initial comments that you
11 said you authored on January 16th, and it's called the
12 "completeness test."

13 A. Mm-hmm.

14 Q. And any time a lawyer sees a test, it makes me
15 wonder, "uh oh." So explain to me -- and you used it
16 twice. So explain to me what -- what it is that you
17 think -- let me ask you this.

18 Do you think there is such a thing as a
19 completeness test?

20 A. You're asking me?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. I guess it's kind of a semantic question of
23 what you consider to be a test as opposed to a
24 requirement. The way I read this was --

25 Q. Sir, excuse me. When you say "this" -- that's

1 another question I have I should have asked in advance.

2 Is "this" your citation to Docket 21-057-30, page 3?

3 A. I believe that's correct. Is that the
4 Commission's order approving the application for the
5 expansion to Eureka?

6 Q. Well, first of all, that's your citation --

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. -- in your use of that "test" phrase.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. But, yes, I -- I believe --

11 A. Well, that's where I -- that's where my
12 understanding of this comes from.

13 Q. Okay. So your use of the word "test" was not
14 in the legal sense, but you did say "requirements." So
15 you read that as a requirement for these sorts of
16 matters, that three part -- there's three requirements?

17 A. Yes. That -- the three requirements are
18 left -- not the test but the three requirements
19 themselves are [audio distortion].

20 Q. Sir, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I could not hear
21 what you just said. I apologize.

22 A. Oh, sorry. The -- the three parts of that are
23 lifted from that Commission order, and if the Commission
24 wanted to have said something more straightforward, like
25 you can recover, you know, the cost of means when

1 they're in and distribution lines when they're in, then
2 they would have said that, but that's not what they
3 said. So this is how I interpreted what they said.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. If you'll -- I quoted that directly -- if it's
6 helpful, I quoted that directly in the reply comments.

7 Q. Yeah. I -- I do see that, but I will note
8 that -- that where the language is coming from is DPU's
9 comments.

10 A. Oh.

11 Q. In -- in -- in that -- that order reflects,
12 under the heading, "DPU's Comments." Do you see that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And -- and I take, though, regardless
15 of how this is characterized, your January 19th -- were
16 you the author of -- I think you testified that you were
17 the author of the January 19th --

18 A. Yes, I was.

19 Q. -- 2024 -- okay. You -- that document further
20 says, then, in relation to those three items that begins
21 on page 2, "the requirements set by the Commission." So
22 that, to me, seems consistent with your belief that this
23 is something the Commission has required; is that
24 correct?

25 A. Yes. I didn't -- I cut and pasted that,

1 essentially, from the Commission's order, not from DPU
2 comments. The Commission may have referenced it from
3 DPU comments, but I don't recall if that's the case.

4 Q. Okay. All right. So what I'm getting from
5 your testimony is that on the phrase "completeness
6 test," you don't necessarily mean that in any other way
7 other than you believe these are requirements that were
8 established by the Commission as it relates to these
9 sorts of dockets; is that accurate?

10 A. Yes.

11 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Okay. I -- I don't
12 have anything further for this witness, but I do wonder
13 if -- Ms. Clark, do you have any questions for this
14 witness on that latter line of questioning?

15 MS. CLARK: I don't. I would simply refer the
16 Commission back to its own order and then also to the
17 reply comments. I think the Company would stand upon
18 the reply comments and the contents of that order and --
19 and the representations there that Mr. Summers has
20 adopted as his own testimony today, that -- that those
21 are simply reiterations of commentary from the Division
22 and that that purported test does not appear in ordering
23 language.

24 That said, I think Mr. Summers has also
25 indicated that we're happy to provide the requested

1 information going forward and that we recommend that
2 audit occur in accordance with the provisions of the
3 tariff, notwithstanding what the Division's comments
4 said or how the order summarized those.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you very much
6 for that clarification.

7 Okay. So I want to circle back to the first
8 thing because it's still kind of bugging me. So,
9 Mr. Pernicelle, are you okay -- is it your testimony now
10 that Mr. Summers' change to the transportation acronyms
11 on that -- in that first paragraph of the verified
12 application does not change your -- the Division's
13 recommendation or your testimony?

14 MR. PERNICHELE: Yes.

15 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you. We put
16 a bow on that one.

17 Okay. I don't have anything further, and
18 unless anybody has anything further, we're at the end of
19 the road.

20 Anything further, Mr. Grecu?

21 MR. GRECU: Nothing further from the Division.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thank you.

23 Ms. Clark?

24 MS. CLARK: Nothing further from the Company.

25 Thanks.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: Okay. Thanks everybody
for being here today. Thanks for your preparation.
Thanks for your presentations. We're aware of the
requested effective date, and we will be adjourned.
Thank you.

(This hearing was concluded at
10:00 a.m. MT.)

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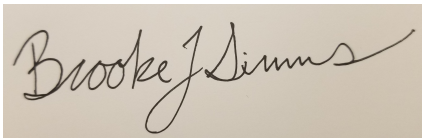
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Part V. Depositions and Discovery

Rule 30

(E) Submission to Witness; Changes; Signing.

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