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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH**

APPLICATION OF DOMINION ENERGY UTAH FOR A CHANGE IN ITS UTAH NATURAL GAS TARIFF NO. 600 TO INCLUDE THE UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Docket No. 23-057-T03 <b>APPLICATION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT</b>
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Questar Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Utah (Dominion Energy, DEU or the Company) respectfully submits this Application for a change to its Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 600 (Tariff) to include the Utility Bill Assistance Program (UBAP). The Company brings this Application pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §54-4-42.

During the 2023 Utah legislative session, Senate Bill 288 (SB 288) was introduced and passed. SB 288 enacts Utah Code Ann. §54-4-42, and thereby creates the Utility Bill Assistance Program in order to provide eligible low-income customers with a bill credit to use against utility service account balances. Utah Code Ann. §54-4-42(3) provides that a “large-scale utility may request approval for a tariff that authorizes the large-scale utility to provide credits to eligible customers from funds available to the program.” Utah Code Ann. §54-4-42(4) provides that “[t]he commission shall approve a large-scale utility’s tariff request described in Subsection (3) if (a) the

commission finds the tariff to be in the public interest; and (b) the tariff does not result in increased costs to the large-scale utility's customers.”

The Company attaches, as DEU Exhibits 1.1 and 1.2, the proposed Tariff language in legislative and final formats, respectively. The proposed language will create a new subsection within the existing Tariff Section 8.03, describing the UBAP. The UBAP is designed to utilize funding available to the Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) to provide bill assistance to Dominion Energy's eligible low-income customers. The Division has identified a way to assist low-income customers at a time when energy costs, and utility bills, are rising. Providing this funding to eligible low-income customers will prevent customers from experiencing service discontinuance during the continued colder weather, and will assist those customers in remaining current on their natural gas bills. Therefore, approval of the proposed Tariff change is in the public interest.

Moreover the proposed Tariff language provides that when the funding offered by the Division is exhausted, the Company will not offer any additional UBAP bill credits. The UBAP will be administered through existing administrative processes, and will be distributed along with the Company's existing Low Income Assistance Program. The UBAP will not require DEU to make any investment or to utilize any additional resources. Accordingly, the UBAP will not result in any increased costs to Dominion Energy Utah's customers.

The Company has discussed this Application with the Division and the Office of Consumer Services (Office), and provided the Division and Office with the proposed Tariff language for review. The Company is authorized to represent that the Division and the Office support this Application. Further, the Company, Division and Office have determined that an appropriate

schedule for this proceeding would be for comments to be due to the Commission by March 15<sup>th</sup> and reply comments will be due by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Company, the Division, and the Office all support the implementation of the UBAP as quickly as possible in order to promptly provide additional bill assistance to low-income customers who need it. Therefore, DEU respectfully requests that the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) provide this Application with expedited treatment and approve the requested Tariff change to become effective March 17, 2023.

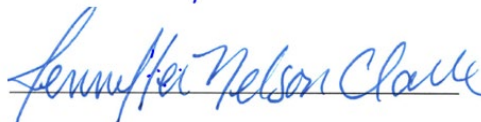
WHEREFORE, Dominion Energy Utah respectfully requests the Commission:

1. Enter an order authorizing Dominion Energy Utah to implement the Tariff changes proposed herein, on the effective of March 17, 2023.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the Application and Request for

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