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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

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Date: March 14, 2023

Re: **Docket No. 23-057-T03**, In the Matter of Dominion Energy Utah's proposed tariff modification of the Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 600.

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends the Utah Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve Dominion Energy Utah's ("DEU") proposed modification to its Utah Natural Gas tariff 600, to include the Utility Bill Assistance Program ("UBAP"), effective March 17, 2023.

Discussion

As part of the 2023 Utah legislative session, Senate Bill 288 created the Utility Bill Assistance Program to provide a bill credit for eligible low-income customers. On March 10, 2023, DEU filed an application to revise its Utah Natural Gas tariff 600, with proposed language to add a new subsection to Section 8.03. In response to the Commission's Notice of Filing and Comment Period, the Division reviewed the filing and has determined that the proposed modification of the Utah Natural Gas tariff 600, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §54-4-42(3) enacted by SB 288, is in the public interest and will not result in increased costs to utility customers. Reporting requirements and the Division's ability to review program

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documentation are sufficient to ensure statutory compliance. Funding for this program will come from the Department of Commerce and Division, and funds will be in addition to the current Low Income Assistance Program.

Conclusion

Based on the Division's review and analysis, the Division recommends the Commission approve DEUs modification to the Utah Natural Gas tariff 600, Section 8.03, amending the tariff to include the newly created Utility Bill Assistance Program (UBAP) with an effective date of March 17, 2023. The proposed changes comply with the SB 288.

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