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October 13, 2023

Mr. Kelly Mendenhall
Director, Regulatory and Pricing
Dominion Energy Utah
333 S State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84145

Re: *Application of Dominion Energy Utah for Approval to Modify Tariff Section 8.03, Low Income/Energy Assistance Rate, Docket No. 23-057-T04*

Dear Mr. Mendenhall:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Dominion Energy Utah's (DEU) September 19, 2023 Application, including legislative and proposed tariff sheets, DEU Exhibits 1.1A and 1.1B, respectively (the "Application"), to revise Utah Natural Gas Tariff No. 600 ("Tariff") Section 8.03 by clarifying how DEU identifies and includes eligible customers in the Energy Assistance Program ("EA Program"). The Application requests the PSC approve its proposed Tariff, effective October 15, 2023.

DEU explains that the Utah Department of Workforce Services Housing & Community Development ("DWS") administers the EA Program for Utah and provides DEU with "two overlapping but separate sets of" monthly data that include: (1) a list of customers who are eligible to receive HEAT fund assistance (the "HEAT list"), and (2) all customers who are eligible to receive EA credits (the "EA Program list"). DEU further explains that it discovered a discrepancy between the HEAT list and the EA Program list of eligible customers that DWS tracked during the 2022/2023 program year. The EA Program list DEU was using had roughly 9,000 fewer customers on it compared to the HEAT list. DEU states that it reached out to DWS on numerous occasions regarding this discrepancy since the criteria to qualify for both lists is the same.¹ According to DEU, DWS has not yet been able to find the source of the discrepancy and DEU proposes to use the larger HEAT list for the upcoming program year to ensure all eligible customers can receive assistance. DEU's proposed Tariff

¹ See Application at 3.

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changes would allow any customer who qualifies for HEAT assistance to also qualify for the EA Program.

The PSC also reviewed comments filed on October 4, 2023 by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Office of Consumer Services (OCS). DPU states that it reviewed the Application and has determined that DEU's proposed Tariff is compliant with the PSC's Order in Docket No. 10-057-08 and will not cause any existing customer receiving assistance through the EA Program to lose access or have their assistance reduced. OCS states that it reviewed the Application and met with DEU and does not oppose DEU's proposal. While meeting with DEU, OCS learned that DEU held back a portion of its expected donation to the Low-Income Weatherization Program after DEU learned of the list count discrepancy. OCS supports this decision by DEU as any donation to the Low-Income Weatherization Program is meant to be with funds left over after all eligible customers receive assistance through the EA Program.

The PSC commends DEU's swift action to help ensure as many eligible customers as possible will qualify for assistance for the upcoming heating season. Based on the Application, DPU's and OCS's comments and recommendations, and in the absence of any opposition, the PSC approves DEU's revised Tariff Section 8.03, effective October 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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