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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: March 8, 2024

Re: **Docket No. 24-057-05**, Dominion Energy Utah's Utility Bill Assistance Program (UBAP) Semi-Annual Report.

Recommendation (No Action)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") acknowledge Dominion Energy Utah's ("DEU" or "Company") semi-annual report of Utah's Utility Bill Assistance Program.

Issue

On February 12, 2024, the Company filed its initial Semi-Annual Utility Bill Assistance Program (UBAP)¹ with the Commission since its inception in March 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Company reported receiving \$4,452,000 and crediting customer accounts for \$200 each for a total of 22,260 customers.

Certification of eligible customers is completed by the Department of Workforce Services ("DWS"). The Company is electronically provided the list of eligible customers from DWS and relies on the DWS certification.

¹ Utah Code Ann. § 54-4-42

On January 12, 2024, and February 9, 2024, the Company requested funding of \$1,016,000 and \$1,326,400 respectively. Including these payments, the Company’s cumulative payment requests are \$6,794,400 or 55.8% of the total UBAP funds.

On February 13, 2023, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting that the reports and documentation be reviewed for compliance and to make any recommendations by March 14, 2023.

Discussion

The Company has complied with the UBAP Statute and Section 8.03 of its Tariff, by submitting its UBAP semi-annual report. The Program funding is shared by Rocky Mountain Power (aka PacifiCorp) and the Company. The current balance is \$2,726,087 or 22%. This remaining balance is slightly lower than the average quarterly payment request by Dominion Energy and Rocky Mountain Power.

UTILITY BILLING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (2023 SB288)

Summary of Payments to Utilities

<i>Date of Request</i>	<i>DE Customer Count</i>	<i>DOMINION ENERGY (DE)</i>
3/21/2023	9,758	\$ 1,951,600
6/5/2023	12,502	2,500,400
1/12/2024	5,626	1,016,000
2/9/2024	6,632	1,326,400
TOTAL	34,518	\$ 6,794,400
Grand Total Paid All Utilities	\$ 9,440,913	72.0%
Funded	12,167,000	55.8%
Remaining	\$ 2,726,087	
Remaining Fund % of Total Fund	22%	

Conclusion

The Company has complied with the UBAP Statute and Section 8.03 of the Company's tariff and reported the appropriate information as required. The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's report of the Utility Bill Assistance Program.

cc: Kelly B Mendenhall, Dominion Energy