

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF QUESTAR GAS COMPANY d/b/a)
DOMINION ENERGY WYOMING FOR)
APPROVAL OF THE 2020 YEAR BUDGET)
FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS)

Docket No. 30010-186-GT-19
(Record No. 15381)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
(Issued November 6, 2019)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Questar Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Wyoming (Dominion Energy or Company), for approval of the 2020 year budget for Energy Efficiency Programs.

1. Dominion Energy is a public utility as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. On October 31, 2019, Dominion Energy submitted its Application requesting approval of its 2020 year budget and modification to the Therm Wise® Energy Efficiency Programs pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-121, Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 21, and the Commission's *Order* issued on February 6, 2013, in Docket No. 30010-119-GT-12 (Record No. 13321).

3. Dominion Energy proposes continuing the five existing ThermWise® Energy Efficiency Programs (Programs). The five programs are the: [i] Appliance Rebates Program; [ii] Builder Rebates Program; [iii] Business Rebates Program; [iv] Home Energy Plan Program; and [v] Weatherization Rebates Program.

4. The Company proposes to change the Appliance Rebates Program by eliminating the 95% and 98% annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) furnaces which currently include an additional \$50 rebate for electrically commutated motors (ECM) as rebate-eligible. Because of the elimination of the ECM, the Company proposes to rebate >95% and >98% AFUE furnaces at \$300 and \$350 respectively in 2020. The Company is also proposing to add smart water heater controllers as rebate-eligible measures in the Appliance Program in 2020. The Company proposes a \$50 rebate for smart water heater controllers which meet the equipment specifications outlined in the Company's Tariff. These two proposals also apply to the Builder Rebates Program.

5. Under the Business Rebates Program, the Company will offer rebates to commercial GS customers who purchase and install qualifying natural gas efficiency measures. The Company proposes to continue this program with the elimination of the \$50 ECM rebate and to establish the tiered rebate amounts for >95% and >98% AFUE furnaces at \$300 and \$350 respectively in 2020. The Company also proposes to add one new tier of high efficiency boiler and one new tier of tankless water heaters to the list of current rebate-eligible equipment in the 2020 ThermWise Business Program. The Company also proposes to introduce a pilot midstream

incentive in 2020. Under this rebate method, the Company would pay rebates to boiler distributors, rather than directly to customers, as has been done historically.

6. The Company proposes no major changes to the Home Energy Plan or the Weatherization Rebates Program.

7. Dominion Energy projects the total 2020 budget for the Programs and Market Transformation Initiative to be \$211,964, a decrease of 3% from the 2019 budget. Dominion Energy states the requested budget decrease is due to lower expected participation in the 2020 Weatherization Program and expected reductions in administrative and rebate processing costs in 2020. The Company estimates a total natural gas savings at 7,994 Dth/year, 2% below the projected 2019 natural gas savings estimate.

8. This is not a complete description of the Application. Dominion Energy's Application is on file at the Company's business office located at 1005 D Street, Rock Springs, Wyoming, and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at psc.wyo.gov. Please mention Docket No. 30010-186-GT-19 (Record No. 15381) in your communications.

9. Anyone desiring to file a statement, public comment, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before December 6, 2019. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

10. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or if you wish to file a statement, public comment, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: November 6, 2019.


11. Published notice in this matter shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 10 hereof.

12. This *Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on November 6, 2019.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION



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