



# PUBLIC MEETING

## **Utah Committee of Consumer Services**

January 11, 2023



# Case Updates

(including updates regarding Dominion Energy Utah's rates)

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## Case Updates: Highlights

- New Centurylink petition to be relieved from COLR (carrier of last resort) obligations (SLTrib article)
- EBA order clarified that the PSC is not going to hold Rocky Mountain Power financially responsible for certain types of outages
- DEU rate case order (addressed on the next slide)
- Other questions?



## Dominion Energy Utah General Rate Case

- Initial Request: \$70.5 M increase  
Order Granted: \$47.7 M increase
- Annual increase for typical residential customer: \$27.51 (3.93%)
- Initial Request: 10.3% ROE, capital structure 53% equity/47% debt  
Order Granted: 9.6% ROE, capital structure 51% equity/49% debt
- Order granted a few of OCS' other proposed revenue requirement adjustments
- PSC primarily deferred to Dominion's past practice on cost allocation issues not granting OCS' recommendations but also not granting the recommendations from multiple industrial customer advocates that would have shifted significant costs to residential and small commercial
- PSC agreed with OCS recommendation that Dominion should fully justify its CET (revenue decoupling) in its next general rate case



## Energy Rates

### Dominion Energy Utah

- Approx. 19% increase in “passthrough” costs Jan 1, 2022 compared to Jan 2021
- Additional 18% in “passthrough” costs since Jan 2022
- Approx. 4% increase (for residential) from General Rate Case effective Jan 1, 2023
- Volatility in natural gas commodity costs led DEU to request a 5% decrease in November, but later withdrew that request before it became effective
- Recent high prices have led to a significant undercollection and will result in another much higher rate increase – may need to be amortized over multiple years

### High Western Energy Prices

- The Western U.S. is experiencing high natural gas prices while other regions and Europe are seeing some measure of price mitigation.
- The EIA said in its report that various factors such as cold weather, pipeline constraints and reduced natural gas flows contributed to the high gas prices in the region.
- These high prices will likely also impact electricity market prices.



# Natural Gas Hub Prices

## West natural gas prices (\$/MMBtu)

Location	Dec. 2022	Nov. 2022	MOM change (%)	Dec. 2021	YOY change (%)
AECO Storage Hub	4.662	4.472	4.25	3.238	43.98
El Paso - S Mainline	30.202	8.333	262.42	5.980	405.04
El Paso Permian	9.189	4.634	98.32	4.341	111.67
El Paso SJ	17.123	6.715	155.02	4.971	244.45
Empress	4.633	4.458	3.94	3.438	34.78
NoCal Border - Malin	28.055	8.898	215.31	5.421	417.56
PG&E Gate	29.706	9.448	214.43	5.733	418.16
PG&E South	28.662	7.792	267.84	5.315	439.27
SoCal Border	28.828	8.171	252.80	5.996	380.76
SoCal Citygate	30.382	8.887	241.89	7.135	325.79
Waha Hub	3.439	3.950	-12.92	3.362	2.32

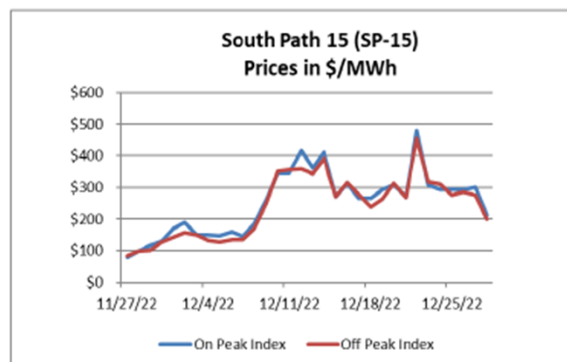
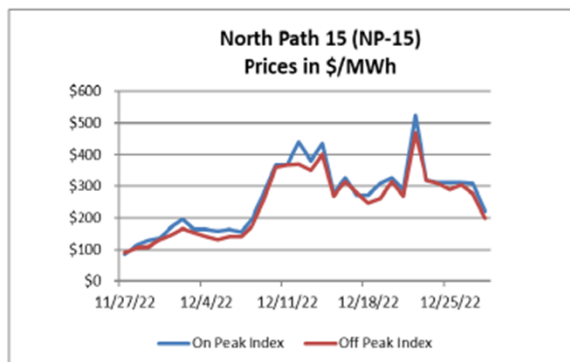
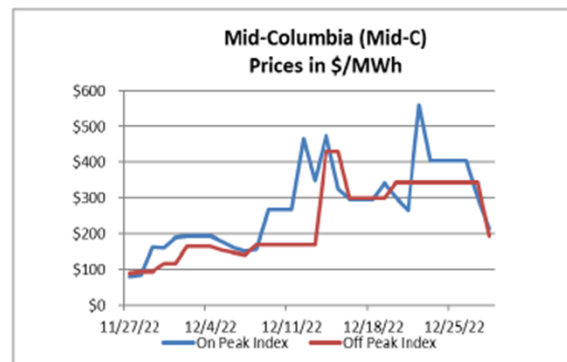
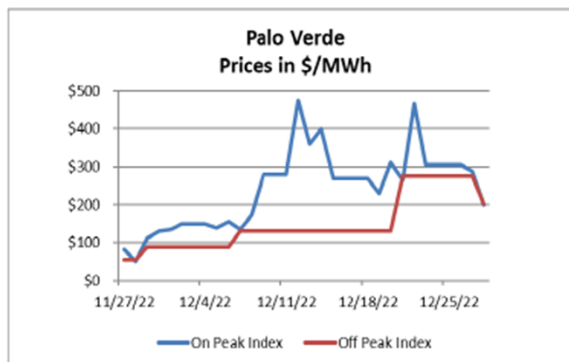
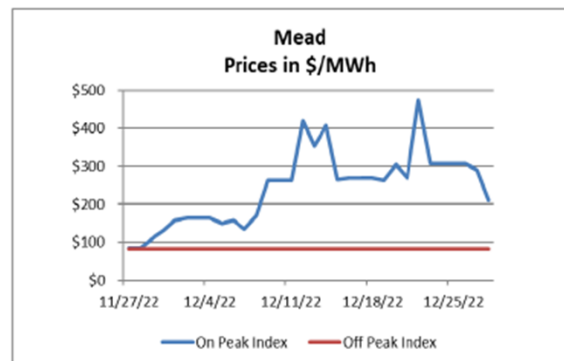
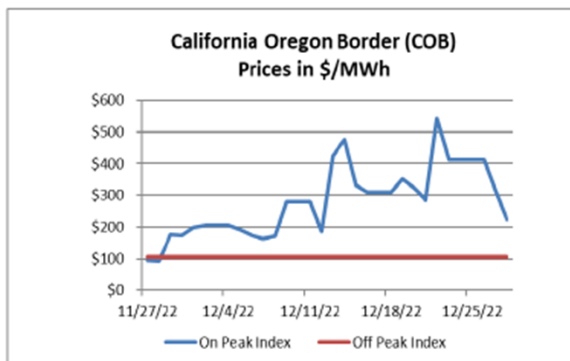
Data compiled Jan. 3, 2023.

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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## Western Electricity Market Prices





# Open and Public Meets Act Training





## Key Elements of the OPMA

- Public Notice
- Minutes and Recordings
- Closed Meetings
- Emergency Meetings
- Electronic Meetings
- Penalties



## 2022 Amendments to OPMA

- H.B. 22 requires a public body to establish how a quorum is calculated for electronic meetings, prohibits a public body from permitting a member to vote or take other action by proxy during an electronic meeting unless the body adopts a resolution, rule, or ordinance allowing a member to act by proxy, and requires all non-unanimous votes during an electronic meeting to be taken by roll call.
- The CCS passed the following resolution at its May 12, 2022 meeting to ensure the requirements of HB22 are met:

*Resolved, the Committee of Consumer Services will conduct all electronic meetings consistent with the requirements in Utah's Open and Public Meeting Act and any associated Department of Commerce rules regarding electronic meetings. Further resolved, when conducting business in an electronic meeting, the Committee of Consumer Services will count those members participating remotely toward the calculation of a quorum and in taking votes.*



# Updates regarding participation in RMP Voluntary Rates

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## Participation of Schedule 3 Customers in Voluntary Rates

Total Schedule 1 customers: 851,173

Total Schedule 2 customers: 17,079

(Residential customers also include a small # on Schedule 2 and 2E)

Sch 3 customers also on Subscriber Solar: 24 (0.0028% of Sch 3)

Sch 3 customers also on Blue Sky: 746 (0.088% of Sch 3)

Low income Subscriber Solar customers has been a stable number over the last three years.

More variability in low income Blue Sky customers, generally decreasing in the last year. (Always staying well below 1%.) Interestingly, a very few Schedule 3 customers purchase a very high number of blocks.



# 2023 Legislative Session Preview

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## Relevant Bills and Bill Requests to Monitor

- HB34 Boards and Commissions Amendments (Stenquist)
- HB123 Broadband Services Amendments (Kwan)
- Utah Clean Energy Fund (Briscoe)
- Residential Solar Energy Amendments (Harper)
- Electric Vehicle Charging Network Amendments (Harper)



# Upcoming Discussion Topics

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## Possible Topics

- Electrification
- Other national trends?
- Utah's Community Renewable Program (at appropriate timing)
- Other ideas?





# Other Business/Adjourn

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