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Dominion Energy Utah to Propose Natural Gas Service Extension to Eureka

EUREKA, Utah – In an effort to help rural communities achieve economic prosperity, Dominion Energy Utah will soon be taking the first step to act on House Bill 422, which is designed to spur economic growth in rural communities without natural gas service. Dominion Energy plans to extend natural gas service to Eureka by the second half of 2021, if approved by the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC). Introduction of natural gas to Eureka would bring a more environmentally friendly fuel to the community.

“One reason some towns are struggling economically is that they don’t have a convenient, comfortable, low-cost energy source like natural gas,” said Craig Wagstaff, Dominion Energy Senior Vice President and General Manager – Western Division. “We’re proud to be able to provide an alternative fuel source that is clean energy.”

To help remedy this situation, in 2018 state lawmakers and the governor passed and signed into law House Bill 422, which allows Dominion Energy Utah to spend up to \$50 million over three years – and \$125 million over five years – bringing natural gas service to these communities.

“Residents of Eureka have tried to have natural gas brought to the community several times over the past years but have been unable to front the cost,” said Eureka Mayor Nick Castleton. “This will be a boon to current residents, especially those who are on a fixed income. Not only will the cost be much lower, but it will be much nicer to turn up the heat and know the fuel is available on-demand so there is no more need to wade out into a snowbank to check how much fuel is left in the tank.”

Utah customers strongly favor natural gas, and a recent statewide survey conducted by a third-party consultant confirms this sentiment. Natural gas expansion to rural communities can provide:

- Economic growth
- Community development
- Increased energy efficiency and overall comfort
- Lower heating costs for consumers
- Reliable, affordable energy and cleaner air

Eureka’s population is 739. If natural gas is extended to the community, there are 360 potential connections – 300 of which are dwellings. While there are other Utah town and cities without natural gas service, the decision was made to go to Eureka first because of its well-defined scope and strong community support. Indeed, it is anticipated that Dominion Energy Utah will be able to serve Eureka without adding personnel and equipment at this time.

Furthermore, it is anticipated that our natural gas service would help with the city’s expected and potential growth – which would also be true in other communities. If natural gas is available in Eureka, population growth is estimated to increase in the next five years and the future.

There are no large commercial or industrial businesses in Eureka because the existing fuel sources are limited.

Dominion Energy Utah would install 11 miles of high-pressure pipeline and about 360 service lines to homes, businesses, etc. If the Utah Public Service Commission grants approval of the project, construction could begin in the first half of 2021. If construction begins on schedule, service would be available during the second half of 2021. Preliminary routing is already underway, and environmental effects are being studied.

For more information on the project, go to [DominionEnergy.com/UtahRuralExpansion](https://www.dominionenergy.com/UtahRuralExpansion).

If approved, Dominion Energy Utah is committed to completing this project safely and on-schedule. Safety is Dominion Energy Utah's highest priority and No. 1 core value in the workplace and in the community.

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