

## Dominion Energy South Carolina 2023 Gas Rate Case Changes Impacting Transportation May 23, 2023

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## Why Change the Tariff?

- ORS requested and the Company agreed in a settlement agreement in Docket No. 2020-701 to file a natural gas general rate case on or before April 1, 2023
- Natural Gas Industry has changed dramatically over the last 20 years
  - Currently in Interstate Pipeline constrained environment
  - Current provisions of special contracts & tariffs make capacity planning extremely difficult
- Updates DESC Gas Tariff to reflect current service offerings by other LDCs
  - allocates capacity costs equitably
  - allocates capacity costs based on priority of service
- Winter Storm Elliott reiterated the need for additional balancing tools to protect system integrity

#### **DESC Proposed Rate Case Timeline**

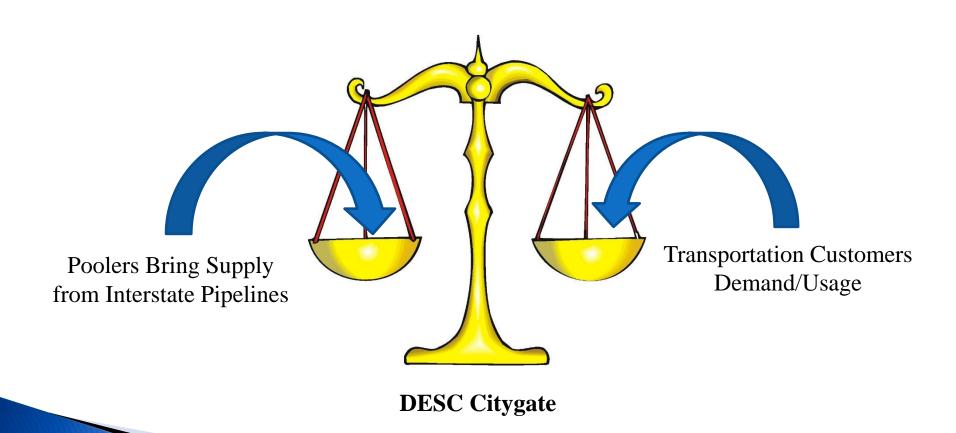
- March 31, 2023- Rate Case Application filed
- ▶ April 28, 2023- DESC filed Direct Testimonies
- October 2023 (1<sup>st</sup> billing cycle)- New Rates & Tariff Changes are Effective
  - Rate 35 will be closed to new customers
- ▶ July 1, 2024- Annual Election Date
  - Current customers will have the option to elect:
    - Transportation or Sales Service
    - Firm or Interruptible Priority of Service
- Detober 1, 2024- Annual election will become effective
  - Rate 35 will be fully closed

## **Proposed Tariff Changes**

- ▶ Rate 34 Large General Service (Firm sales)
  - DESC will provide firm supply, firm transportation on upstream interstate pipelines (including CGT) and firm distribution system transportation
- ▶ Rate 36 Firm Transportation (Firm transportation on the DESC distribution system)
  - DESC will provide firm distribution system transportation
  - Authorized Pooler will provide firm supply & firm transportation on upstream interstate pipeline (including CGT)

## **Proposed Tariff Changes**

- ▶ Rate 54 Interruptible Sales Service
  - DESC will provide interruptible supply, interruptible transportation on upstream interstate pipelines (including CGT) and interruptible distribution system transportation
- ▶ Rate 55 Interruptible Transportation (Interruptible transportation on the DESC distribution system)
  - DESC will provide interruptible distribution system transportation
  - Authorized Pooler will provide supply & interruptible transportation on upstream interstate pipelines (including CGT)



- Currently a monthly imbalance is calculated for each customer and the balancing charge is billed to the customer
- The proposed Pooling procedure will allow Authorized Poolers to aggregate customers into a virtual pool on the DESC distribution system
  - Nets longs and shorts
  - Mitigates cashout costs to the Pooler
  - Provides DESC with another balancing tool other than Customer Curtailments
- Allows Poolers to trade imbalances

- Proposed Pool Balancing Procedures
- Note that the Average Daily Index Cost for the Month plus the applicable transportation costs for each pipeline equally weighted basis (50/50) which shall be:
  - the 100% load factor rate under Transco's currently effective Rate Schedule FT (Zone 3-5) + applicable fuel retention & all applicable surcharges
  - the 100% load factor rate under SNG's currently effective Rate Schedule FT (Zone 0-3) + applicable fuel retention & all applicable surcharges
  - plus the 100% load factor rate under CGT's currently effective Rate Schedule FT or Zone of delivery + applicable fuel retention & all applicable surcharges

- If a Poolers Pool is Short for any month:
  - Less than or equal to 2% no premium
  - Over 2% & equal to or less than 5% 110% premium
  - Over 5% & equal to or less than 10% 120% premium
  - Over 10% & equal to or less than 15% 130% premium
  - Over 15% 150% premium
- If a Poolers Pool is Long for any month:
  - Less than or equal to 2% no discount
  - Over 2% & equal to or less than 5% 90% discount
  - Over 5% & equal to or less than 10% 80% discount
  - Over 10% & equal to or less than 15% 70% discount
  - Over 15% 50% discount

#### **DESC's Historical Curtailments**

- DESC is obligated to provide reliable service to firm customers who pay a premium for firm service
- Only tool to balance DESC's overall system
- Operational reasons for Curtailments
  - Major Fluctuations in weather
  - Distribution System Concerns
    - Localized pressure issues
    - Localized pipeline constraints
  - Interstate Pipeline Concerns
    - Lack of supply/capacity to serve interruptible transport customers
    - Operational Flow Orders ("OFOs") on interstate pipelines

- Addition of Operational Orders
  - DESC will provide Pooler at least 4 hours advance notice of the effective time of any restrictions in an Operational Order
  - Tolerance level of Pooler's approved nomination will be determined by DESC based on current operating conditions
  - Pooler may trade imbalances for any gas day the Pooler is subject to an Operational Order penalty
  - Penalty equal to the higher of:
    - a) \$50 per Dekatherm
    - b) 3 times the Gas Daily "Transco, zone 5 del." Midpoint price

# **Questions?**

