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AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00179

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: Meadowville 230 kV Electric

Transmission Project

#### ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On October 11, 2024, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or the "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for approval and certification of electric transmission facilities in Chesterfield County, Virginia. Dominion filed its Application pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 et seq.<sup>2</sup>

To serve two data center customers, Customers A and B (collectively, "Customers"), the Company proposes to complete the following (collectively, the "Project"):<sup>3</sup>

(1) Bermuda Hundred and Sloan Drive ("Component 1")
Construct the Bermuda Hundred Switching Station ("Bermuda Hundred Station") on Customer A's property in Chesterfield County, Virginia, west of Discovery Drive<sup>4</sup> and the Company's existing Line #2050, cut into the adjacent Line #2050 (Bermuda Hundred - Chickahominy) to the east of the proposed Bermuda Hundred Station, and loop Line #2050 in and out of the Bermuda Hundred Station on two new weathering steel structures, traveling approximately 0.2 mile along new 100-foot-wide right-of-way ("ROW"). Once Line #2050 is looped in and out of the Bermuda

<sup>3</sup> Id. at 2-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application at 1, 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*. at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Although originally identified in the Application as "Discovery Road," the Company has subsequently confirmed that the correct name is "Discovery Drive."

Hundred Station, Line #2050 will then be renumbered as Line #2368 from existing structure #2050/13 to Allied Substation. The Company will then construct two structures outside the fence of the Bermuda Hundred Station on property owned by Customer A, which Customer A will use to interconnect to its data center campus. The Company will also construct the proposed Sloan Drive Switching Station ("Sloan Drive Station"), located to the west of the Bermuda Hundred Station on Customer A's property, and construct two new double-circuit 230 kV lines (Line #2366 and Line #2367) that will extend approximately 1.0 mile west from the proposed Bermuda Hundred Station along new 100-foot ROW on double-circuit weathering steel poles to the proposed Sloan Drive Station.

# (2) Meadowville and White Mountain ("Component 2") Construct the proposed Meadowville Switching Station ("Meadowville Station") east of Interstate 95 ("I-95") and west of Meadowville Technology Parkway on Customer B's property, construct the proposed White Mountain Substation northeast of the Meadowville Station and Meadowville Technology Parkway on Chesterfield County Economic Development Authority ("EDA")owned property, which will be purchased by the Company, and construct new 230 kV lines (Line #2363 and Line #2364) on double-circuit weathering steel structures traveling northwest from the Sloan Drive Station along new 100-foot-wide ROW, with single-circuit Line #2363 traveling approximately 1.6 miles terminating in the proposed Meadowville Station and single-circuit Line #2364 traveling approximately 1.4 miles terminating at the proposed White Mountain Substation. In addition, the Company will also connect Meadowville Station and White Mountain Substation with a new single-circuit 230 kV line (Line #2365) on double-circuit weathering steel structures traveling approximately 0.6 mile between the stations within the same proposed 100-footwide ROW as Line #2363 and Line #2364. The Company also proposes to cut the existing 230 kV Line #2049 (Sycamore Springs - Allied) to connect to the Sloan Drive Station. The extension from the existing Line #2049 corridor to Meadowville Station will be renumbered Line #2361. The existing Line #2049 from Enon Substation to Allied Substation will be renumbered Line #2370. Line #2361 will be constructed on double-circuit weathering steel structures, in new 100-foot-wide ROW from Enon Substation for approximately 2.2 miles on a direct route north towards the Sloan Drive Station where it will converge with Lines #2363 and #2364 terminating in the proposed Meadowville Station.

# (3) Sycamore Springs ("Component 3")

Construct the Sycamore Springs Switching Station ("Sycamore Springs Station") to the east of Bermuda Orchard Lane and west of Interstate 295 ("I-295") on Chesterfield County-owned property, which will be purchased by the Company, and cut existing Lines #211, #228, and #2049 in and out of the proposed Sycamore Springs Station. Once Line #2049 is looped into Sycamore Springs Station, the line from Sycamore Springs Station to Enon Substation will then be renumbered as Line #2406 from Sycamore Springs Station to Enon Substation, and Line #2370 from Enon Substation to Allied Substation. The Company will partially rebuild existing Line #2049 from the proposed Sycamore Springs Station to existing structure #2049/55 for approximately 1.8 miles on an existing 130-foot-wide ROW on new double-circuit weathering steel structures. In addition, the Company proposes to construct new 230 kV Line #2360. Line #2360 will travel along the same existing 130-foot-wide ROW and on the same double circuit weathering steel structures as Line #2406 (formerly Line #2049) from the proposed Sycamore Springs Station to existing structure #2049/55 for approximately 1.8 miles. The Company also proposes to expand the proposed 100-foot ROW to 160 feet in width from Enon Substation to Meadowville Station to construct a new approximately 2.2-miles 230 kV line, Line #2362, on double circuit weathering steel monopoles adjacent to the corridor described in Component 2, extending the convergence of Line #2361 and Line #2362 with Line #2363 and Line #2364, with Line #2361 and Line #2362 ultimately terminating at Meadowville Station.

In the Application, Dominion asserts that the proposed Project is necessary to interconnect and provide requested service to data center Customers A and B in Chesterfield County, Virginia, and maintain compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability Corporation Reliability Standards.<sup>5</sup> Specifically, Dominion states that between 2022 and 2023, the Company received delivery point ("DP") requests in the Project area for approximately 800

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Id. at 4.

MW, requiring four new switching stations, one new substation, and associated networked transmission lines.<sup>6</sup>

In its Application, the Company identified an approximately 0.2-mile proposed route to loop Line #2050 in and out of Bermuda Hundred Station and an approximately 1.0-mile proposed route to construct Line #2366 and Line #2367 from Bermuda Hundred Station to Sloan Drive Station ("Component 1 Proposed Route").<sup>7</sup> The Company asserts that this route is located entirely on Customer A's parcel. Dominion further asserts that no electrical or routing alternatives were considered because the proposed Bermuda Hundred Station will be located entirely on Customer A's property and adjacent to Line #2050. According to the Company, the Sloan Drive Station will also be located on Customer A's property. For these reasons, Dominion asserts that the Component 1 Proposed Route minimizes the need for additional ROW, minimizes environmental impacts, and mitigates the need to cross other landowners' private property.<sup>8</sup>

In its Application, the Company identified the following for the proposed route for Component 2 ("Component 2 Proposed Route"): (i) an approximately 1.6-mile route for Line #2363 traveling northwest from the proposed Sloan Drive Station to the proposed Meadowville Station; (ii) an approximately 1.4-mile route for Line # 2364 traveling northeast from the proposed Sloan Drive Station to the White Mountain Substation; (iii) an approximately 0.6-mile route for Line #2365 to connect Meadowville Station and White Mountain Substation; and (iv) an approximately 2.2-mile route for Line #2361 from Enon Substation to the proposed

<sup>6</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Id.

Meadowville Station.<sup>9</sup> The Company asserts that no electrical or route alternatives were considered for Component 2, as the proposed Meadowville Station is the closest source to the White Mountain Substation. The Company further asserts that the Component 2 Proposed Route will travel through property that is primarily owned by Customer B and Chesterfield County EDA, with limited sections of the proposed route traveling across private property.<sup>10</sup> For these reasons, Dominion asserts that the Component 2 Proposed Route minimizes the need for additional ROW, mitigates environmental impacts, and limits the need to acquire property interests from adjacent landowners.<sup>11</sup>

In its Application, the Company identified the following for the proposed route for Component 3 ("Component 3 Proposed Route"): (i) an approximately 0.2-mile route to cut existing Lines #211 and #228 in and out of the proposed Sycamore Springs Station; (ii) an approximately 0.1-mile route to cut existing Line #2049 in and out of the proposed Sycamore Springs Station; (iii) an approximately 1.8-mile route for the Line #2406 (formerly Line #2049) rebuild and new Line #2360, both traveling from the proposed Sycamore Springs Station to existing structure #2049/55; and (iv) an approximately 2.2-mile route for Line #2362 traveling from Enon Substation to the proposed Meadowville Station. The Company asserts that to the extent that Component 3 includes the rebuild of existing facilities, the Company did not consider alternative routes. Dominion further asserts that the remaining scope for proposed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Id.

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 6.

Component 3 utilizes existing ROW as much as possible and Chesterfield County-owned property to minimize impacts to surrounding property owners and resources.<sup>13</sup>

The Company states that the desired in-service target date for the proposed Project is December 31, 2028.<sup>14</sup> The Company represents that the estimated conceptual cost of the Project, utilizing the Proposed Route for each component, is approximately \$189 million, which includes approximately \$75.9 million for transmission-related work and approximately \$113.1 million for substation-related work (2024 dollars).<sup>15</sup>

As provided by Code § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2, the Commission and the State Water Control Board ("Board") consult on wetland impacts prior to the siting of electric utility facilities that require a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Acting on behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") must prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Application, as required by the Code and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts (July 2003). The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested that the Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection at DEQ provide the Wetland Impacts Consultation for the Project. 17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Id.

<sup>15</sup> Id. at 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the State Water Control Board and the State Corporation Commission, Case No. PUE-2003-00114, 2003 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 474, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (July 30, 2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Letter from Simeon Brown, State Corporation Commission, dated October 16, 2024, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2024-00179.

As provided by Code §§ 10.1-1186.2:1 B and 56-46.1 A, the Commission and DEQ coordinate reviews of the environmental impact of electric generating plants and associated facilities. Pursuant to the Code and consistent with the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Coordination of Reviews of the Environmental Impacts of Proposed Electric Generating Plants and Associated Facilities (August 2002), <sup>18</sup> the Commission receives and considers reports on the proposed facilities from state environmental agencies. Staff has requested that the DEQ coordinate an environmental review of this Application by the appropriate agencies and provide a report on the review. <sup>19</sup>

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Application and applicable statutes, finds that this matter should be docketed; Dominion should give notice of its Application to interested persons and the public; public hearings should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application as well as public witness testimony; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or participate as a respondent in this proceeding; and Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon. Finally, we find this matter should be assigned a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Corporation Commission, Case No. PUE-2002-00315, 2002 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 559, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (Aug. 14, 2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Letter from Simeon Brown, State Corporation Commission, dated October 16, 2024, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2024-00179.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2024-00179.
- (2) All pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice").<sup>20</sup> Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.
- (3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, all parties and Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or Staff is impeded from preparing its case.
- (4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq.

further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including filing a final report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations. A copy of each filing made with the Commission's Clerk's Office in this matter shall also be sent electronically to the Office of the Hearing Examiners.<sup>21</sup>

- (5) The Commission hereby schedules a telephonic portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:
  - (a) The portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on February 12, 2025.
  - (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
  - (c) On or before February 5, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting</a>; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to <a href="mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov">SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov</a>; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
  - (d) Beginning at 10 a.m. on February 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify, if any, as provided above.
  - (e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Such electronic copies shall be sent to: OHEparalegals@scc.virginia.gov.

1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff.

- (7) An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Vishwa B. Link, McGuireWoods LLP, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <a href="mailto:vlink@mcguirewoods.com">vlink@mcguirewoods.com</a>. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.
- (8) On or before November 29, 2024, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (9) to all owners of property within the route of the Component 1 Proposed Route, the Component 2 Proposed Route, and the Component 3 Proposed Route, as of the date of this Order and as indicated on the map or sketch of the routes filed with the Commission. This requirement shall be satisfied by sending the required mailing to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance, treasurer, or other officer of the county or municipality designated as provided by Code § 58.1-3100 et seq.
- (9) On or before November 29, 2024, the Company shall cause the following notice and sketch map of the Component 1 Proposed Route, the Component 2 Proposed Route, and the Component 3 Proposed Route, as shown in Attachment V.A on page 210 of the Appendix to the Application, to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation in Chesterfield County, Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES: MEADOWVILLE 230 KV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROJECT

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## **Description of the Routes**

#### **Component 1 Proposed Route**

The Component I Proposed Route is approximately 1.2 miles in length and is located entirely within Chesterfield County, Virginia. The Component I Proposed Route begins at the cut-in location just west of Discovery Drive on Line #2050 and just north of structure #2050/13 and extends west along the edge of Customer A's proposed development to the proposed Bermuda Hundred Station, and further west from the Bermuda Hundred Station to the proposed Sloan Drive Station. This route is located entirely on the Customer's parcel.

For the Component 1 Proposed Route, the minimum structure height is 110 feet, the maximum structure height is 120 feet, and the average structure height is 118 feet, based on preliminary conceptual design, not including foundation reveal, and subject to change based on final engineering design.

#### **Component 2 Proposed Route**

The Component 2 Proposed Route is approximately 1.6 miles in length for Line #2363 and approximately 1.4 miles in length for Line #2364, and is located entirely within Chesterfield County, Virginia. Lines #2363 and #2364 extend south from the Sloan Drive Station and then head west perpendicularly crossing North Enon Church Road and over undeveloped forested land owned by EDA for 0.88 mile until they reach Meadowville Technology Parkway. From Meadowville Technology Parkway, Line #2363 runs adjacent to the Parkway for 0.3 mile before turning west across Customer B and Chesterfield EDA property for 0.4 mile until reaching Meadowville Station. Line #2364 continues north along Meadowville Technology Parkway, where Line #2363 turns west to the Station, and continues another 0.17

mile north to White Mountain Station. Line #2365 connects White Mountain Station to Meadowville Station by following the same 0.17 mile corridor south and then 0.4 mile west to Meadowville Station.

For the Component 2 Proposed Route, the minimum structure height is 110 feet, the maximum structure height is 120 feet, and the average structure height is 115 feet, based on preliminary conceptual design, not including foundation reveal, and subject to change based on final engineering design.

### **Component 3 Proposed Route**

The Component 3 Proposed Route is approximately 4.23 miles in total length and is located entirely within Chesterfield County, Virginia. Looping Lines #211, #228, and #2049 into Sycamore Springs Station, on property owned by Chesterfield County, and extending Line #2360 and Line #2406 (formerly Line #2049) north out of Sycamore Springs Station, which will require a rebuild of the existing transmission line within existing electric transmission right of way to Enon Substation. The existing rightof-way crosses one CSX railroad, Route 1-295, E. Hundred Road, and North Enon Church Road before reaching the existing Enon Substation. Line #2361 and #2362 continue from Enon Substation along the existing corridor for 0.43 mile before turning north into a new greenfield ROW corridor on Chesterfield County EDA and Customer A property for 0.47 mile to converge with Component 2. The Component 3 Proposed Route expands the corridor for Component 2 an additional 60 feet, widening the total ROW to 160 feet from the proposed ROW colocation point just south of Sloan Drive Substation, heading west and perpendicularly crossing North Enon Church Road and traversing undeveloped forested land owned by Chesterfield EDA for approximately 0.55 mile until they reach Meadowville Technology Parkway. From Meadowville Technology Parkway, Lines #2361 and #2362 run adjacent to the Parkway for 0.3 mile before turning west across Customer B and Chesterfield EDA property for 0.4 mile until reaching Meadowville Station.

For the Component 3 Proposed Route, the minimum structure height is 85 feet, the maximum structure height is 120 feet, and the average structure height is 113 feet, based on

preliminary conceptual design, not including foundation reveal, and subject to change based on final engineering design.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website: <a href="mailto:sec.virginia.gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects">sec.virginia.gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects</a>. A more complete description of the Project also may be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission may consider routes not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on Dominion's Application. On February 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned will hold the telephonic portion of the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before February 5, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On February 12, 2025, at 10 a.m. or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Electronic copies of the Application and other supporting materials may be inspected at: <a href="https://www.dominionenergy.com/meadowville">https://www.dominionenergy.com/meadowville</a>. An electronic copy of the Company's Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <a href="https://www.dominionenergy.com/meadowville">vlink@mcguirewoods.com</a>. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the Application and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: <a href="https://www.dominionenergy.com/meadowville">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.

On or before February 5, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments">scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments</a>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00179.

On or before January 15, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address listed above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by

5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00179.

On or before January 15, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</a> any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00179.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this matter, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission's website at: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.

#### VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

(10) On or before November 29, 2024, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town through which the Project is proposed to be built: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first-class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

- (11) On or before December 13, 2024, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (9) and (10), including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/elk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/elk/efiling</a>.
- (12) On or before December 13, 2024, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of the mailing of notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering Paragraph (8). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of such information.
- (13) On or before February 5, 2025, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website:

  scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00179.
- (14) On or before January 15, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/elk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/elk/efiling</a>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (13). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (7). Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the

respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00179.

- (15) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve a copy of the Application on the respondent, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.
- (16) On or before January 15, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</a> any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (13). Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00179.
- (17) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before January 22, 2025, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Application, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page.

  A copy thereof shall be served on counsel to the Company and all respondents.
- (18) On or before February 5, 2025, Dominion shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal

witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits on the Staff, all respondents, and DEQ.

- (19) Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.
- (20) The Commission's Rule of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests* for production of documents and things, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 of the Rules of Practice, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed or the assigned Staff attorney, if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.<sup>22</sup> Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 et seq.

## (21) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, <a href="scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>, by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2024-00179, in the appropriate box.