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AT RICHMOND, JUNE 29, 2026

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00056

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: 500 kV and 230 kV Golden-Mars Lines, Lockridge 230 kV Loop,¹ Sojourner 230 kV Loop, and Related Projects

FINAL ORDER

On March 28, 2025, 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 Loudoun 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.*

The Company proposed to complete the following (collectively, the “Golden-Mars Project” or “Project”): (i) construct a new overhead 500 kilovolt (“kV”) single circuit transmission line and a new overhead 230 kV single circuit transmission line between Golden Substation and Mars Substation (the “Golden-Mars Lines”); (ii) construct a new overhead double circuit 230 kV transmission line by cutting the proposed 230 kV Golden-Mars Lines and looping them into and out of the Prentice Drive Substation (the “Prentice Loop”); (iii) construct a new overhead double circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mars Substation and Sojourner

¹ On October 15, 2025, Dominion filed amendments to its application and supplemental direct testimony supporting the substitution of the Prentice Loop for the Lockridge Loop. While the Prentice Loop replaced the Lockridge Loop as a component of the project for which Dominion requests approval, the caption of this case has remained consistent since the Company’s initial filing in this docket.

Substation; and (iv) perform work at the Company's Golden, Mars, Prentice Drive, Sojourner, and Shellhorn Substations.

On April 9, 2026, after a full evidentiary proceeding in this case, the Commission issued an Order ("April 9th Order") that, among other things: (1) authorized Dominion to construct and operate the Project as proposed in its Application, subject to the findings and conditions imposed therein; and (2) pursuant to §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code, granted the Company's request for approval of the necessary certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to construct and operate the Project as provided for, and subject to the requirements set forth, therein.²

As to routing, the Commission found that: (1) an underground route for the Golden-Mars Project is not feasible; and (2) Route 4 is the least impactful of the potential overhead routes and, within the parameters of the statute, best serves the total public interest.³ The Commission, however, explained that the Loudoun County School Board and Loudoun County Public Schools (collectively, "LCSB") have the ability to block Route 4 and, if that unfortunately occurred, a different route would need to be expeditiously approved by the Commission in order to meet the urgent reliability need that the Project is designed to remedy.⁴

Accordingly, while expressing the Commission's sincere hope that LCSB *not* choose to block the route that best serves the total public interest, the Commission found that, absent Route 4, Route 3A best serves the total public interest.⁵ The Commission further emphasized,

² April 9th Order at 37.

³ *Id.* at 11.

⁴ *Id.* at 26.

⁵ *Id.* at 27.

however, that such result would be regrettable because, by almost every objective measure, Route 3A is clearly inferior to Route 4.⁶ Due to the uncertainty surrounding Route 4, the Commission directed Dominion to provide a status update within fourteen days thereof and retained jurisdiction to take final action on approving a route herein.⁷

On April 30, 2026, the Commission issued an Order directing Dominion to continue providing status updates every fourteen days from the April 9th Order. The Commission further explained that, given that the urgent need recognized in the April 9th Order persists, the continuation of the status updates should not be construed as an extension without an approaching endpoint.

On June 2, 2026, the Commission issued an Order finding that, in the absence of action by LCSB consenting to Route 4, a final order would be issued approving Route 3A on or about July 2, 2026. In furtherance thereof, the Commission directed Dominion to file status updates on June 11 and 25, 2026.

On June 24, 2026, LCSB and Loudoun County, Virginia (“Loudoun County”) filed a joint motion requesting the Commission to defer its final order to on or about August 13, 2026 (“Motion”).

On June 25, 2026, Dominion filed its final status update, reporting that the Company had not received confirmation that LCSB will consent to Route 4.

On June 25, 2026, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Argument on the Motion for June 26, 2026.

⁶ *Id.* at 27-28.

⁷ *Id.* at 38.

On June 26, 2026, Loudoun County filed a Memorandum of Withdrawal (dated June 25, 2026) withdrawing its participation in the Motion.

On June 26, 2026, counsel for LCSB filed a motion to withdraw as counsel and for a continuance of the June 26, 2026, argument.

On June 26, 2026, after hearing argument as scheduled, the Commission denied the Motion.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds as follows.

Based on the evidentiary record developed in this proceeding, the Commission finds that continued delay in ordering a final route for this Project unreasonably jeopardizes the provision of reliable electric service within the Commonwealth. In the absence of LCSB's consent, Route 4 has not been established as feasible to meet the urgent need satisfied by this Project. Thus, the Commission finds that Route 3A best serves the total public interest. The Commission adopts the April 9th Order as part of this Final Order and approves Route 3A.

Accordingly, IT IS SO ORDERED, and:

(1) Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Final Order, the Company shall provide to the Commission's Division of Public Utility Regulation an electronic map for the Certificate Number that shows the routing of the transmission line approved herein. The map shall be submitted to Michael Cizenski, Deputy Director, Division of Public Utility Regulation, mike.cizenski@scc.virginia.gov.

(2) Upon receiving such map, the Commission's Division of Public Utility Regulation forthwith shall provide the Company copies of the CPCN issued in the April 9th Order with the map attached.

(3) The motion of LCSB's counsel to withdraw as counsel is granted.

(4) This matter is dismissed.

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.