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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2020-00080

**For approval and certification of electric
transmission facilities: Bristers-Chancellor Line #552
and Chancellor-Ladysmith Line #581
500 kV Transmission Line Rebuild and Related Projects**

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

November 17, 2020

On May 15, 2020, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia ("Dominion" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval and for certificates of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate electric transmission facilities in Fauquier, Stafford, Spotsylvania, and Caroline Counties, Virginia ("Application"). Specifically, the Application proposes rebuilding the Company's existing 500 kilovolt transmission Lines #552 and #581 and completing certain equipment replacements at the Company's Bristers Switching Station, Chancellor Substation, and Ladysmith Switching Station.¹

On June 15, 2020, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice of its Application; established a procedural schedule, including a public evidentiary hearing; directed the Commission's Staff ("Staff") to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits summarizing Staff's investigation; provided opportunities for interested persons to intervene and participate in this case; and appointed a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission and to file a report.

The Order for Notice and Hearing scheduled a virtual public witness hearing to convene on November 18, 2020, should any member of the public sign up to testify on the Application by November 16, 2020. No one signed up to testify as a public witness.

The Order for Notice and Hearing also scheduled a hearing to convene on November 19, 2020, to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, any respondents, and the Staff on the Application. On November 6, 2020, a Hearing Examiner's Ruling directed the hearing in this proceeding to be conducted using a virtual format, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

No party intervened as a respondent in this proceeding.

¹ Just south of the Chancellor Substation, six of the towers proposed for rebuild support 115 kV Line #198 (Chancellor – Spotsylvania) in addition to Line #581.

On November 12, 2020, Dominion and Staff filed a joint Proposed Stipulation recommending the documents and evidence that should be entered into the evidentiary record. On November 13, 2020, a Proposed Amended Stipulation was filed by Dominion and Staff.² The Proposed Amended Stipulation further recommended that the record for this proceeding close without the necessity of a hearing.

Based on my consideration of the filings in this case, including the Proposed Amended Stipulation, and the fact that no member of the public signed up to testify on the Application, I find that the hearings in this matter should be cancelled and the filings in this proceeding should be admitted into the record as set forth herein. Accordingly, **IT IS DIRECTED THAT:**

- (1) The following documents and information shall be marked and admitted into the record:
 - (a) the pre-filed documents identified in the Proposed Amended Stipulation are marked using the number corresponding to their stipulated paragraphs (e.g., proof of notice is Exhibit 1) and are admitted; (b) the incremental cost information contained in paragraph 11 of the Proposed Amended Stipulation is admitted as Exhibit 11; and (c) the Proposed Amended Stipulation is admitted as Exhibit 12;
- (2) The public witness hearing scheduled for November 18, 2020, is cancelled; and
- (3) The hearing scheduled for November 19, 2020, is cancelled.



D. Mathias Roussy, Jr.
Hearing Examiner

The Clerk of the Commission is requested to send a copy of this Ruling to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, 1300 East Main Street, First Floor, Tyler Building, Richmond, VA 23219.

² The Proposed Stipulation was amended to include incremental cost information requested by the Hearing Examiner.