

## V. NOTICE

B. List Applicant offices where members of the public may inspect the application. If applicable, provide a link to website(s) where the application may be found.

Response:

Shortly after filing, the application will be available electronically for public inspection at the following website:

http://www.dominionenergy.com/elmontchickahominy.

#### V. NOTICE

C. List all federal, state, and local agencies and/or officials that may reasonably be expected to have an interest in the proposed construction and to whom the Applicant has furnished or will furnish a copy of the application.

Response: Ms. Bettina Rayfield

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Impact Review 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Ms. Michelle Henicheck Department of Environmental Quality Office of Wetlands and Streams 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1400 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Ms. Rene Hypes Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage 600 East Main Street, 24th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

Environmental Reviewer Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Planning & Recreation Bureau 600 East Main Street, 17th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

Ms. Hannah Schul Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Planning & Recreation Bureau 7870 Villa Park, Suite 400 Henrico, Virginia 23228

Mr. Keith Tignor Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Plant Industry Services 102 Governor Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Mr. Clint Folks Virginia Department of Forestry Forestland Conservation Division 900 Natural Resources Drive, Suite 800 Charlottesville, Virginia 22903 Scoping at VMRC Virginia Marine Resources Commission Habitat Management Division Building 96, 380 Fenwick Road Ft. Monroe, Virginia 23651

Mr. Troy Andersen US Fish and Wildlife Service Virginia Field Office, Ecological Services 6669 Short Lane Gloucester, Virginia 23061

Ms. Regena Bronson U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fredericksburg Field Office 10300 Spotsylvania Parkway, Suite 230 Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408

Mr. Lewis Rogers Superintendent Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park 120 Chatham Lane Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405

Ms. Arlene Fields Warren Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water 109 Governor Street, 6th Floor Richmond, Virginia 23219

Ms. Martha Little Virginia Outdoors Foundation P.O. Box 85073, PMB 38979 Richmond, Virginia 23285-5073

Mr. Roger Kirchen Director, Review and Compliance Division Department of Historic Resources 2801 Kensington Avenue Richmond, Virginia 23221

Mr. Scott Denny Airport Services Division Virginia Department of Aviation 5702 Gulfstream Road

#### Richmond, Virginia 23250

Mr. Dale Totten, P.E. Richmond District Engineer Virginia Department of Transportation 2430 Pine Forest Drive, South Chesterfield, VA 23834

Mr. F. Michael Herzberg IV Chairman of the Board of Supervisors - Cold Harbor District 7516 County Complex Road Hanover, VA 23069

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Mr. Sanford Wanner Interim County Administrator P.O. Box 128 Charles City, VA 23030 Mr. Rodney Hathaway County Administrator PO Box 150 12007 Courthouse Cir New Kent, VA 23124

Mr. John Moyer Board Of Supervisors- District 2 PO Box 150 New Kent 23124

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D. If the application is for a transmission line with a voltage of 138 kV or greater, provide a statement and any associated correspondence indicating that prior to the filing of the application with the SCC the Applicant has notified the chief administrative officer of every locality in which it plans to undertake construction of the proposed line of its intention to file such an application, and that the Applicant gave the locality a reasonable opportunity for consultation about the proposed line (similar to the requirements of § 15.2-2202 of the Code for electric transmission lines of 150 kV or more).

Response:

In accordance with Va. Code § 15.2-2202 E, letters dated April 9, 2025, were sent to Mr. Ryan Patterson, Vice Chair and Mr. Sanford Wanner, County Administrator in Charles City County; Mr. Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Supervisor, Mr. Tyrone E. Nelson, Supervisor, and Mr. John Vithoulkas, County Manager in Henrico County; Mr. F. Michael Herzburg IV, Chairman, Ms. Susan P. Dibble, Supervisor, and Mr. John A. Budesky, County Administrator in Hanover County; and Mr. John Moyer, Supervisor, and Mr. Rodney Hathaway, County Administrator in New Kent County, advising of the Company's intention to file this Application and inviting the localities to consult with the Company about the Rebuild Project. See Attachment V.D.



Mr. Ryan Patterson Board of Supervisors- Vice Chair P.O. Box 128 Charles City, VA 23030

April 9, 2025

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RE:

Dominion Energy Virginia's Chickahominy-Elmont Line #557 Rebuild and New Future 230 kV Lines

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April 9, 2025

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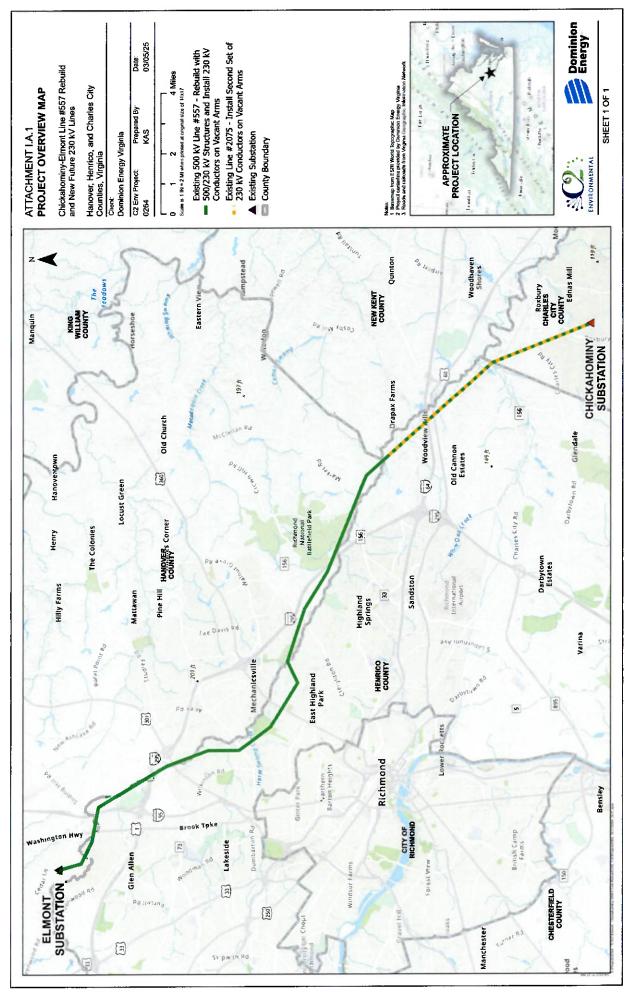
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#### COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

#### STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF	)	
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VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER	)	Case No. PUR-2025-00077
COMPANY	)	
	)	
For approval and certification of electric	)	
transmission facilities:	)	
Chickahominy-Elmont Line #557	)	
Rebuild and New Future 230 kV Lines	)	

### IDENTIFICATION, SUMMARIES, AND TESTIMONY OF DIRECT WITNESSES OF <u>VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY</u>

#### **Jason Whitlow**

Witness Direct Testimony Summary

Direct Testimony

Appendix A: Background and Qualifications

## **Trey Rydel**

Witness Direct Testimony Summary

Direct Testimony

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#### **Mohammad Othman**

Witness Direct Testimony Summary

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#### **Hannah Hurst**

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Appendix A: Background and Qualifications

#### WITNESS DIRECT TESTIMONY SUMMARY

**Witness**: Jason Whitlow

<u>Title:</u> Engineer III – Electric Transmission Planning

<u>Summary</u>: Company Witness Jason Whitlow will sponsor those portions of the Appendix describing the Company's transmission system and the need for, and benefits of, the proposed Rebuild Project, as follows:

- <u>Section I.B</u>: This section details the engineering justifications for the proposed project.
- <u>Section I.C</u>: This section describes the present system and details how the proposed project will effectively satisfy present and projected future load demand requirements.
- <u>Section I.D</u>: This section describes critical contingencies and associated violations due to the inadequacy of the existing system.
- <u>Section I.E</u>: This section explains feasible project alternatives.
- Section I.G: This section provides a system map for the affected area.
- <u>Section I.H</u>: This section provides the desired in-service date of the proposed project and the estimated construction time.
- <u>Section I.J.</u>: This section provides information about the project if it has been approved by the RTO.
- <u>Section I.K</u>: This section provides outage history and maintenance history for existing transmission lines if the proposed project is a rebuild and is due in part to reliability issues.
- <u>Section I.M</u>: Although not applicable to the proposed project, this section, when applicable, contains information for transmission lines interconnecting a non-utility generator.
- <u>Section I.N</u>: Although not applicable to the proposed project, this section, when applicable, provides the proposed and existing generating sources, distribution circuits or load centers planned to be served by all new substations, switching stations, and other ground facilities associated with the proposed project.
- <u>Section II.A.3</u>: This section provides the colored maps of existing or proposed rights-of-way in the vicinity of the proposed project.
- <u>Section II.A.10</u>: This section provides details of the construction plans for the proposed project, including requested and approved line outage schedules.

Additionally, Company Witness Whitlow co-sponsors the following portion of the Appendix:

- <u>Section I.A (co-sponsored with Company Witness Trey M. Rydel</u>: This section details the primary justifications for the proposed project.
- <u>Section I.L (co-sponsored with Company Witness Trey M. Rydel)</u>: This section provides details on the deterioration of structures and associated equipment as applicable.
- <u>Section II.C (co-sponsored with Company Witness Mohammad Othman)</u>: This section describes and furnishes plan drawings of the substation, switching station, and other ground facilities associated with the proposed project.

A statement of Mr. Whitlow's background and qualifications is attached to his testimony as Appendix A.

# OF JASON WHITLOW ON BEHALF OF

# VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY BEFORE THE

# VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION CASE NO. PUR-2025-00077

1	Q.	Please state your name, business address and position with Virginia Electric and
2		Power Company ("Dominion Energy Virginia" or the Company").

- A. My name is Jason Whitlow, and I am an Engineer III in the Electric Transmission Planning for the Company. My business address is 5000 Dominion Blvd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. A statement of my qualifications and background is provided as Appendix A.
- 6 Q. Please describe your areas of responsibility with the Company.
- 7 A. I am responsible for planning the Company's electric transmission system for voltages of 69 kilovolts ("kV") through 500 kV.
- 9 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
- In order to: (a) maintain the structural integrity and reliability of the networked transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") Reliability Standards; and (b) provide for future load growth in the Richmond Load Area, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Energy Virginia" or the "Company") proposes, in Charles City, Henrico, and Hanover Counties, to rebuild its Chickahominy to Elmont transmission corridor by: (i) rebuilding, within

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A short, less than 0.02-mile segment of the Rebuild Project right-of-way traverses a small area of land whose ownership between the surrounding localities cannot be determined. In this less than 0.02-mile segment of the Rebuild Project, the Rebuild Project's conductor may traverse a small area of New Kent County. Despite this crossing, no structures currently exist or will be constructed in New Kent County. Because the Rebuild Project does not meaningfully—if at all—traverse New Kent County, the Company does not consider the Rebuild Project to cross New Kent County. The Company has nonetheless provided New Kent County officials and residents with notice of the Rebuild Project, but has not otherwise included New Kent County in this Appendix.

1 existing right-of-way, approximately 27.7 miles of the existing 500 kilovolt ("kV") Line #557 by removing the existing 500 kV single circuit COR-TEN® structures and replacing 2 them with new 500/230 kV double circuit weathering steel H-frame structures;<sup>2</sup> and 3 (ii) installing approximately 8.1 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the vacant arms of the 4 5 structures of the Company's existing 230 kV Chickahominy-White Oak Line #2294, between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2294/148<sup>3, 4</sup> (collectively the "Rebuild 6 Project").5 7 The purpose of my testimony is to describe the Company's transmission system and the 8 9 need for, and benefits of, the proposed Rebuild Project. I am sponsoring Sections I.B, I.C,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As part of the Rebuild Project, the Company proposes to install 27.6 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the lower level of the Company's proposed 500/230 kV double circuit structures between Chickahominy Substation and Elmont Substation. As explained in this Executive Summary and Section I.A, this work is needed so that the Company can continue to provide reliable service for the significant load growth anticipated in the Rebuild Project area. The Company will not energize the new conductors until the anticipated load materializes and the substation terminations are available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Heading north after exiting Chickahominy Substation, 500 kV Line #557 and 230 kV Line #2075 parallel each other for approximately 8.1 miles within the same corridor, until diverging at Structure #2075/148 (Structure #557/264). In addition to installing idle conductors on the vacant arms of Line #2075, the Company intends to opportunistically reconductor Line #2075 between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2075/150. The Company considers this reconductoring to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business" (*i.e.*, "ordinary course") pursuant to Va. Code § 56-265.2 A 1 and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") from the Commission. This is consistent with the Staff's July 6, 2017 guidance (available at <a href="https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf">https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf</a>), which provides that any transmission project that only requires reconductoring, maintenance or station work does not require a CPCN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Company intends to install conductors between Structure #2075/149 and Elmont Substation on the existing vacant arms as part of a future project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Company will also perform work associated with the Rebuild Project at the Elmont Substation. This work, while not included as part of the Rebuild Project, is discussed in Section II.C. In addition, Line #2075 currently terminates at Elmont Substation. Upon completion of the Rebuild Project, Line #2075 will double dead-end at or near Elmont Substation to capture significant cost savings and minimize environmental impacts, as compared to leaving Line #2075 unaddressed until a later date when the station can be arranged to accept the termination. While the work is required by the proposed Rebuild Project, the Company considers the work at Elmont Substation and the work related to Line #2075's termination to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business (*i.e.*, "ordinary course") pursuant to § 56-265.2 A 1 of the Code of Virginia ("Va. Code") and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a CPCN from the Commission. Because this work is not a component of the proposed Rebuild Project, the costs associated with this work are not included in the total Rebuild Project costs.

- 1 I.D, I.E, I.G, I.H, I.J, I.K, I.M, I.N, II.A.3, and II.A.10 of the Appendix. Additionally, I am
- 2 co-sponsoring Sections I.A and I.L with Company Witness Trey M. Rydel. I am also co-
- 3 sponsoring Section II.C with Company Witness Mohammad Othman.
- 4 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 5 A. Yes, it does.

# BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS OF JASON WHITLOW

Jason Whitlow received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2007. Mr. Whitlow has been employed by the Company since 2013, where he has worked in both natural gas and electric transmission planning. Prior to joining the Company, he worked as a Project Manager for the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.

Mr. Whitlow has previously testified before the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

#### WITNESS DIRECT TESTIMONY SUMMARY

Witness: Trey M. Rydel

<u>Title:</u> Electric Transmission Engineer

#### **Summary**:

Company Witness Trey M. Rydel will sponsor those portions of the Appendix providing an overview of the design characteristics of the transmission facilities for the proposed Rebuild Project, and discussing electric and magnetic field levels, as follows:

- <u>Section I.F</u>: This section describes any lines or facilities that will be removed, replaced or taken out of service upon completion of the proposed project.
- <u>Section II.A.5</u>: This section provides drawings of the right-of-way cross section showing typical transmission lines structure placements.
- <u>Section II.B.1 to II.B.3</u>: These sections provide the line design and operational features of the proposed project, as applicable.
- <u>Section IV</u>: This section provides analysis on the health aspects of electric and magnetic field levels.

Additionally, Company Witness Rydel co-sponsors the following portions of the Appendix:

- <u>Section I.A (co-sponsored with Company Witness Jason Whitlow)</u>: This section details the primary justifications for the proposed project.
- <u>Section I.I (co-sponsored with Company Witness Mohammad Othman)</u>: This section provides the estimated total cost of the proposed project.
- <u>Section I.L (co-sponsored with Company Witness Jason Whitlow)</u>: This section provides details on the deterioration of structures and associated equipment as applicable.
- <u>Section II.B.5 (co-sponsored with Company Witness Hannah Hurst)</u>: This section provides the mapping and structure heights for the existing and proposed overhead structures.

A statement of Mr. Rydel's background and qualifications is attached to his testimony as Appendix A.

#### DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

## TREY M. RYDEL

## ON BEHALF OF

## VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY BEFORE THE

# VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION CASE NO. PUR-2025-00077

1	Q.	Please state your name, business address and position with Virginia Electric and
2		Power Company ("Dominion Energy Virginia" or the Company").
3	A.	My name is Trey M. Rydel, and I am an Electric Transmission Engineer in the Electric
4		Transmission Line Engineering Department of the Company. My business address is 5000
5		Dominion Blvd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. A statement of my qualifications and
6		background is provided as Appendix A.
7	Q.	Please describe your areas of responsibility with the Company.
8	A.	I am responsible for the estimating and conceptual design on high voltage transmission
9		line projects from voltages of 69 kilovolts ("kV") to 500 kV.
10	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
11	A.	In order to: (a) maintain the structural integrity and reliability of the networked
12		transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability
13		Corporation ("NERC") Reliability Standards; and (b) provide for future load growth in the
14		Richmond Load Area, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Energy

Virginia" or the "Company") proposes, in Charles City, Henrico, and Hanover Counties, 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A short, less than 0.02-mile segment of the Rebuild Project right-of-way traverses a small area of land whose ownership between the surrounding localities cannot be determined. In this less than 0.02-mile segment of the Rebuild Project, the Rebuild Project's conductor may traverse a small area of New Kent County. Despite this crossing, no structures currently exist or will be constructed in New Kent County. Because the Rebuild Project does not meaningfully—if at all—traverse New Kent County, the Company does not consider the Rebuild Project to cross New Kent County. The Company has nonetheless provided New Kent County officials and residents with notice of the Rebuild Project, but has not otherwise included New Kent County in this Appendix.

to rebuild its Chickahominy to Elmont transmission corridor by: (i) rebuilding, within existing right-of-way, approximately 27.7 miles of the existing 500 kilovolt ("kV") Line #557 by removing the existing 500 kV single circuit COR-TEN® structures and replacing them with new 500/230 kV double circuit weathering steel H-frame structures;<sup>2</sup> and (ii) installing approximately 8.1 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the vacant arms of the structures of the Company's existing 230 kV Chickahominy-White Oak Line #2294, between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2075/148<sup>3, 4</sup> (collectively the "Rebuild Project").<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As part of the Rebuild Project, the Company proposes to install 27.6 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the lower level of the Company's proposed 500/230 kV double circuit structures between Chickahominy Substation and Elmont Substation. As explained in this Executive Summary and Section I.A, this work is needed so that the Company can continue to provide reliable service for the significant load growth anticipated in the Rebuild Project area. The Company will not energize the new conductors until the anticipated load materializes and the substation terminations are available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Heading north after exiting Chickahominy Substation, 500 kV Line #557 and 230 kV Line #2075 parallel each other for approximately 8.1 miles within the same corridor, until diverging at Structure #2075/148 (Structure #557/264). In addition to installing idle conductors on the vacant arms of Line #2075, the Company intends to opportunistically reconductor Line #2075 between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2075/150. The Company considers this reconductoring to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business" (*i.e.*, "ordinary course") pursuant to Va. Code § 56-265.2 A 1 and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") from the Commission. This is consistent with the Staff's July 6, 2017 guidance (available at <a href="https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf">https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf</a>), which provides that any transmission project that only requires reconductoring, maintenance or station work does not require a CPCN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Company intends to install conductors between Structure #2075/149 and Elmont Substation on the existing vacant arms as part of a future project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Company will also perform work associated with the Rebuild Project at the Elmont Substation. This work, while not included as part of the Rebuild Project, is discussed in Section II.C of the Application Appendix. In addition, Line #2075 currently terminates at Elmont Substation. Upon completion of the Rebuild Project, Line #2075 will double dead-end at or near Elmont Substation to capture significant cost savings and minimize environmental impacts, as compared to leaving Line #2075 unaddressed until a later date when the station can be arranged to accept the termination. While the work is required by the proposed Rebuild Project, the Company considers the work at Elmont Substation and the work related to Line #2075's termination to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business (i.e., "ordinary course") pursuant to § 56-265.2 A 1 of the Code of Virginia ("Va. Code") and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") from the Commission. Because this work is not a component of the proposed Rebuild Project, the costs associated with this work are not included in the total Rebuild Project costs.

- The purpose of my testimony is to describe the design characteristics of the transmission facilities for the proposed Rebuild Project, and also to discuss electric and magnetic field ("EMF") levels. I am sponsoring Sections I.F, II.A.5, II.B.1, II.B.2, II.B.3, and IV of the Appendix. I am also co-sponsoring Sections I.A and I.L of the Appendix with Company Witness Jason Whitlow; Section I.I of the Appendix with Company Witness Mohammad Othman; and Section II.B.5 of the Appendix with Company Witness Hannah Hurst.
- 7 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 8 A. Yes, it does.

# BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS OF TREY M. RYDEL

Trey M. Rydel received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in 2016. He has been employed by the Company as an Electric Transmission Engineer since 2020. Before joining the Company, Mr. Rydel worked as a Transportation Engineer for Dewberry for nearly four years. He is certified by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation as an Engineer-in-Training.

#### WITNESS DIRECT TESTIMONY SUMMARY

**Witness**: Mohammad Othman

<u>Title:</u> Engineer III – Substation Engineering

#### **Summary**:

Company Witness Mohammad Othman co-sponsors those portions of the Appendix describing the Company's proposed substation work and associated costs, as follows:

- <u>Section I.I (co-sponsored with Company Witness Trey M. Rydel)</u>: This section provides the estimated total cost of the proposed project.
- <u>Section II.C (co-sponsored with Company Witness Jason Whitlow)</u>: This section describes and furnishes plan drawings of the substation, switching station, and other ground facilities associated with the proposed project.

A statement of Mr. Othman's background and qualifications is attached to his testimony as Appendix A.

#### **DIRECT TESTIMONY** OF **MOHAMMAD OTHMAN** ON BEHALF OF VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

#### **BEFORE THE** VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

**CASE NO. PUR-2025-00077** 

1	Q.	Please state your name, dusiness address and position with virginia Electric and
2		Power Company ("Dominion Energy Virginia" or the Company").
3	A.	My name is Mohammad Othman, and I am an Engineer III in the Substation Engineering
4		section of the Electric Transmission Group of the Company. My business address is 5000
5		Dominion Blvd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060. A statement of my qualifications and
6		background is provided as Appendix A.
7	Q.	Please describe your areas of responsibility with the Company.
8	A.	I am responsible for evaluation of the substation project requirements, feasibility
9		studies, conceptual physical design, scope development, preliminary engineering and
10		cost estimating for high voltage transmission and distribution substations.
11	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
12	A.	In order to: (a) maintain the structural integrity and reliability of the networked
13		transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability
14		Corporation ("NERC") Reliability Standards; and (b) provide for future load growth in the
15		Richmond Load Area, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Energy
16		Virginia" or the "Company") proposes, in Charles City, Henrico, and Hanover Counties, 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A short, less than 0.02-mile segment of the Rebuild Project right-of-way traverses a small area of land whose ownership between the surrounding localities cannot be determined. In this less than 0.02-mile segment of the Rebuild Project, the Rebuild Project's conductor may traverse a small area of New Kent County. Despite this crossing, no structures currently exist or will be constructed in New Kent County. Because the Rebuild Project does not

to rebuild its Chickahominy to Elmont transmission corridor by: (i) rebuilding, within existing right-of-way, approximately 27.7 miles of the existing 500 kilovolt ("kV") Line #557 by removing the existing 500 kV single circuit COR-TEN® structures and replacing them with new 500/230 kV double circuit weathering steel H-frame structures;<sup>2</sup> and (ii) installing approximately 8.1 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the vacant arms of the structures of the Company's existing 230 kV Chickahominy-White Oak Line #2294, between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2075/148<sup>3, 4</sup> (collectively the "Rebuild Project").<sup>5</sup>

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meaningfully—if at all—traverse New Kent County, the Company does not consider the Rebuild Project to cross New Kent County. The Company has nonetheless provided New Kent County officials and residents with notice of the Rebuild Project, but has not otherwise included New Kent County in this Appendix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As part of the Rebuild Project, the Company proposes to install 27.7 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the lower level of the Company's proposed 500/230 kV double circuit structures between Chickahominy and Elmont Substations. As explained in this Executive Summary and Section I.A of the Application Appendix, this work is needed so that the Company can continue to provide reliable service for the significant load growth anticipated in the Rebuild Project area. The Company will not energize the new conductors until the anticipated load materializes and the substation terminations are available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Heading north after exiting Chickahominy Substation, 500 kV Line #557 and 230 kV Line #2075 parallel each other for approximately 8.1 miles within the same corridor, until diverging at Structure #2075/148 (Structure #557/264). In addition to installing idle conductors on the vacant arms of Line #2075, the Company intends to opportunistically reconductor Line #2075 between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2075/150. The Company considers this reconductoring to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business" (*i.e.*, "ordinary course") pursuant to Va. Code § 56-265.2 A 1 and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") from the Commission. This is consistent with the Staff's July 6, 2017 guidance (available at <a href="https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf">https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf</a>), which provides that any transmission project that only requires reconductoring, maintenance or station work does not require a CPCN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Company intends to install conductors between Structure #2075/149 and Elmont Substation on the existing vacant arms as part of a future project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Company will also perform work associated with the Rebuild Project at the Elmont Substation. This work, while not included as part of the Rebuild Project, is discussed in Section II.C of the Application Appendix. In addition, Line #2075 currently terminates at Elmont Substation. Upon completion of the Rebuild Project, Line #2075 will double dead-end at or near Elmont Substation to capture significant cost savings and minimize environmental impacts, as compared to leaving Line #2075 unaddressed until a later date when the station can be arranged to accept the termination. While the work is required by the proposed Rebuild Project, the Company considers the work at Elmont Substation and the work related to Line #2075's termination to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business (i.e., "ordinary course") pursuant to § 56-265.2 A 1 of the Code of

- 1 The purpose of my testimony is to describe the work to be performed at the Chickahominy
- and Elmont Substations. I am co-sponsoring Section I.I of the Appendix with Company
- Witness Trey M. Rydel and Section II.C of the Appendix with Company Witness Jason
- Whitlow specifically as it pertains to the cost estimate for substation work.
- 5 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 6 A. Yes, it does.

Virginia ("Va. Code") and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") from the Commission. Because this work is not a component of the proposed Rebuild Project, the costs associated with this work are not included in the total Rebuild Project costs.

#### BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MOHAMMAD OTHMAN

Mohammad M. Othman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2008. Mr. Othman's responsibilities include the evaluation of the substation project requirements, development of scope documents and schedules, preparation of estimates and proposals, preparation of specifications and bid documents, material procurement, design substation physical layout, development of detailed physical drawings, bill of materials, electrical schematics and wiring diagrams. Mr. Othman joined the Dominion Energy Virginia Substation Engineering department in 2010 as an Engineer II and was later promoted to Engineer III, the title he currently holds.

Mr. Othman has previously submitted pre-filed testimony to the State Corporation Commission of Virginia.

#### WITNESS DIRECT TESTIMONY SUMMARY

**Witness**: Hannah Hurst

**Title:** Siting and Permitting Specialist – Siting and Permitting Group

#### **Summary**:

Company Witness Hannah Hurst sponsors those portions of the Appendix providing an overview of the design of the route for the proposed Project, and related permitting, as follows:

- <u>Section II.A.l</u>: This section provides the length of the proposed corridor and viable alternatives to the proposed project.
- <u>Section II.A.2</u>: This section provides a map showing the route of the proposed project in relation to notable points close to the proposed project.
- <u>Section II.A.4</u>: Although not applicable to the proposed project, this section, when applicable, explains why the existing right-of-way is not adequate to serve the need.
- <u>Sections II.A.6 to II.A.9</u>: These sections provide detail regarding the right-of-way and proposed route selection procedures for the proposed project.
- <u>Section II.A.11</u>: This section details how the construction of the proposed project follows the provisions discussed in Attachment 1 of the Guidelines.
- <u>Section II.A.12</u>: This section identifies the counties and localities through which the proposed project will pass and provides General Highway Maps for these localities.
- <u>Section II.B.6</u>: This section provides photographs of existing facilities, representations of proposed facilities, and visual simulations.
- <u>Section III</u>: This section details the impact of the proposed project on scenic, environmental, and historic features.
- <u>Section V</u>: This section provides information related to public notice of the proposed project.

Additionally, Ms. Hurst co-sponsors the following portions of the Appendix:

• <u>Section II.B.5 (co-sponsored with Company Witness Trey M. Rydel)</u>: This section provides the mapping and structure heights for the existing and proposed overhead structures.

Finally, Ms. Hurst sponsors the DEQ Supplement filed with the Application. A statement of Ms. Hurst's background and qualifications is attached to his testimony as Appendix A.

## DIRECT TESTIMONY

#### **OF**

#### HANNAH HURST ON BEHALF OF

# VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY BEFORE THE

# VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION CASE NO. PUR-2025-00077

1	Q.	Please state your name, business address and position with Virginia Electric and
2		Power Company ("Dominion Energy Virginia" or the Company").
3	A.	My name is Hannah Hurst, and I am a Siting and Permitting Specialist in the Siting and
4		Permitting Group for the Company. My business address is 5000 Dominion Blvd., Glen
5		Allen, Virginia 23060. A statement of my qualifications and background is provided as
6		Appendix A.
7	Q.	Please describe your areas of responsibility with the Company.
8	A.	I am responsible for identifying appropriate routes for transmission lines and obtaining
9		necessary federal, state, and local approvals and environmental permits for those
10		facilities. In this position, I work closely with government officials, permitting
11		agencies, property owners, and other interested parties, as well as with other Company
12		personnel, to develop facilities needed by the public so as to reasonably minimize
13		environmental and other impacts on the public in a reliable, cost-effective manner.
14	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
15	A.	In order to: (a) maintain the structural integrity and reliability of the networked
16		transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability
17		Corporation ("NERC") Reliability Standards; and (b) provide for future load growth in the

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Richmond Load Area, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Energy

Virginia" or the "Company") proposes, in Charles City, Henrico, and Hanover Counties, <sup>1</sup> to rebuild its Chickahominy to Elmont transmission corridor by: (i) rebuilding, within existing right-of-way, approximately 27.7 miles of the existing 500 kilovolt ("kV") Line #557 by removing the existing 500 kV single circuit COR-TEN® structures and replacing them with new 500/230 kV double circuit weathering steel H-frame structures; <sup>2</sup> and (ii) installing approximately 8.1 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the vacant arms of the structures of the Company's existing 230 kV Chickahominy-White Oak Line #2294, between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2075/148<sup>3, 4</sup> (collectively the "Rebuild Project"). <sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A short, approximately 0.2-mile segment of the Rebuild Project right-of-way traverses a small, unincorporated area of land that has not been incorporated into any of the surrounding localities. Although this area is not part of New Kent County or any other county, the Company has included New Kent County in its project maps, provided New Kent County officials with notice of the Rebuild Project, and notified New Kent County residents about the Rebuild Project. Because the land in question is unincorporated, the Company does not consider the Rebuild Project to cross New Kent County. Consequently, the Company has not taken further action to otherwise include New Kent County into this Appendix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As part of the Rebuild Project, the Company proposes to install 27.7 miles of idle 230 kV conductors on the lower level of the Company's proposed 500/230 kV double circuit structures between Chickahominy and Elmont Substations. As explained in this Executive Summary and Section I.A of the Application Appendix, this work is needed so that the Company can continue to provide reliable service for the significant load growth anticipated in the Rebuild Project area. The Company will not energize the new conductors until the anticipated load materializes and the substation terminations are available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Heading north after exiting Chickahominy Substation, 500 kV Line #557 and 230 kV Line #2075 parallel each other for approximately 8.1 miles within the same corridor, until diverging at Structure #2075/148 (Structure #557/264). In addition to installing idle conductors on the vacant arms of Line #2075, the Company intends to opportunistically reconductor Line #2075 between Chickahominy Substation and Structure #2075/150. The Company considers this reconductoring to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business" (*i.e.*, "ordinary course") pursuant to Va. Code § 56-265.2 A 1 and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") from the Commission. This is consistent with the Staff's July 6, 2017 guidance (available at <a href="https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf">https://www.scc.virginia.gov/media/sccvirginiagov-home/regulated-industries/utility-regulation/responsibilities/guidance-documents/staffguidanceordvsnonord.pdf</a>), which provides that any transmission project that only requires reconductoring, maintenance or station work does not require a CPCN.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Company intends to install conductors between Structure #2075/149 and Elmont Substation on the existing vacant arms as part of a future project.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Company will also perform work associated with the Rebuild Project at the Elmont Substation. This work, while not included as part of the Rebuild Project, is discussed in Section II.C of the Application Appendix. In

- 1 The purpose of my testimony is to provide an overview of the route and permitting for the 2 proposed Project. As it pertains to routing and permitting, I sponsor Sections II.A.1, II.A.2, 3 II.A.4, II.A.6, II.A.7, II.A.8, II.A.9, II.A.11, II.A.12, II.B.6, III, and V of the Appendix. I 4 also sponsor the DEQ Supplement filed with the Application, and co-sponsor Section II.B.5 5 of the Appendix with Company Witness Trey M. Rydel. 6 Q. Has the Company complied with Va. Code § 15.2-2202 E? 7 In accordance with Va. Code § 15.2-2202 E, letters dated April 9, 2025, were sent to Mr. A. 8 Ryan Patterson, Vice Chair and Mr. Sanford Wanner, County Administrator in Charles City County; Mr. Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Supervisor, Mr. Tyrone E.
- in Charles City County; Mr. Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Supervisor, Mr. Tyrone E.

  Nelson, Supervisor, and Mr. John Vithoulkas, County Manager in Henrico County; Mr. F.

  Michael Herzburg IV, Chairman, Ms. Susan P. Dibble, Supervisor, and Mr. John A.

  Budesky, County Administrator in Hanover County; and Mr. John Moyer, Supervisor, and

  Mr. Rodney Hathaway, County Administrator in New Kent County, advising of the

  Company's intention to file this Application and inviting the localities to consult with the

  Company about the Rebuild Project. See Attachment V.D.
- 16 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 17 A. Yes, it does.

addition, Line #2075 currently terminates at Elmont Substation. Upon completion of the Rebuild Project, Line #2075 will double dead-end at or near Elmont Substation to capture significant cost savings and minimize environmental impacts, as compared to leaving Line #2075 unaddressed until a later date when the station can be arranged to accept the termination. While the work is required by the proposed Rebuild Project, the Company considers the work at Elmont Substation and the work related to Line #2075's termination to qualify as an "ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business (i.e., "ordinary course") pursuant to § 56-265.2 A 1 of the Code of Virginia ("Va. Code") and, therefore, does not require approval pursuant to Va. Code § 56-46.1 B or a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") from the Commission. Because this work is not a component of the proposed Rebuild Project, the costs associated with this work are not included in the total Rebuild Project costs.

#### BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS OF HANNAH HURST

Hannah Hurst received a bachelor's degree in Environmental Horticulture from Virginia Tech Polytechnic Institute in 2016. Ms. Hurst has been employed by the Company since 2022 as a Siting and Permitting Specialist. Prior to joining the Company, she worked as Environmental Planner for New Kent County where she was responsible for permitting procedures and inspections. Her areas of expertise are in local zoning, planning, and local environmental permitting.

Ms. Hurst has previously testified before the Virginia State Corporation Commission.