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*Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities under Va. Code § 56-46.1 and the Utility Facilities Act, Va. Code § 56-265.1 et seq.*

**Case No. PUR-2017-00002**

Dear Mr. Logan:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing in the above-captioned proceeding Virginia Electric and Power Company's December 16, 2024 *Quarterly Update Report*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed.

Highest regards,

/s/ Jontille D. Ray

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**Idylwood Substation Rearrangement Project**

**Case No. PUR-2017-00002**

**Quarterly Update Report**

**December 16, 2024**

## Background

On September 8, 2021, the Virginia State Corporation Commission (“SCC”) issued an Order on Motion authorizing Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a/ Dominion Energy Virginia (“the Company”) to extend the project construction to the new December 31, 2026 in-service date for the Idylwood Substation Rearrangement Project (“Rebuild Project” or “Project”).<sup>1</sup>

The Company, in part, requested the in-service date extension because:

The unanticipated delay in obtaining the necessary local approvals has disrupted the Company’s prior scheduling, sequencing, and planning for the construction of the Rebuild Project requiring the Company to release any prior outage requests it had made to support the prior schedule. In addition, the ability to obtain and coordinate both distribution- and transmission-side outages in northern Virginia, generally, and in the area of the Project, specifically, has become increasingly difficult due to customer and system loading. For example, because obtaining outages in the peak loading seasons of winter and summer generally is not possible, it essentially is mandatory that the work must be performed during the fall and spring. Moreover, the limited fall and spring outage windows must accommodate increased outage needs in the Northern Virginia area for ongoing projects and system needs. The Company also must coordinate its outages to ensure reliability contingencies in the area and must coordinate outages with certain customers, such as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Outages must be submitted months in advance. Adding to those scheduling difficulties, as part of compliance with its local approvals, construction is limited to certain times and must be performed in a manner that reduces noise to ensure the Company minimizes impacts to the nearby community. Recent work on another GIS project at a different substation has further informed the Company’s view on the added complexity of the installation of new GIS systems. Finally, compounding these variables, to the greatest extent possible, the Company must keep the Idylwood Substation energized during project construction to meet the growing load needs of the surrounding areas. These current circumstances have led to more complex, on-the-ground logistics and construction sequencing than initially anticipated for this Project during the proceeding before the Commission.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities under Va. Code § 56-46.1 and the Utility Facilities Act, Va. Code § 56-265.1 et seq.*, PUR-2017-00002, Order on Motion at 4 (Sept. 8, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> *Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: Idylwood Substation Rebuild and Rearrangement of 230 kV Transmission Lines #202, #207, #251, #266, #2035, and #2097*, PUR-2017-00002, Motion of Virginia Electric and Power Company for Relief from May 31, 2020 In-Service Date at 4-5 (Apr. 27, 2020).

As required by the Order on Motion, the Company shall:

- Submit quarterly construction status updates regarding the Rebuild Project to the Director of the Commission's Division of Public Utility Regulation until the Rebuild Project is completed or until further order of the Commission.
- Post each quarterly construction status update on the Company's website: [www.DominionEnergy.com/shreve](http://www.DominionEnergy.com/shreve).
- Post its Construction Timeline on the website and update the Construction Timeline, as needed, to maintain accuracy.

### **Project Overview**

The Idylwood Substation Rebuild Project rebuilds the existing Idylwood Substation on Shreve Road, originally built in the late 1950s, to support growing capacity and projected reliability concerns in the region. These enhancements will allow Dominion Energy to continue providing safe and reliable electric service to the community.

Due to the limited space at the site, Dominion Energy is investing in Gas Insulated Substation ("GIS") technology. The existing substation currently uses Air-Insulated Technology. By utilizing GIS technology, Dominion Energy will be able to largely utilize the substation's existing footprint while modernizing the facility to meet area demand and minimizing impact to surrounding neighbors. GIS is the best available technology and offers several benefits:

- GIS equipment takes up less space, allowing Dominion Energy to accommodate growth in the area, while operating within the existing property;
- GIS is more reliable than traditional air-insulated substations, meaning fewer outages for customers; and
- GIS requires less maintenance than traditional substations.

Idylwood Substation is a necessary and important component of the electrical system and is critical in maintaining reliability for the area. As such, it is necessary that most of the substation equipment remain energized while crews perform their work. This increases the complexity of the Project and has also impacted our timeline. To perform operations safely, crews must work in a limited space and temporarily relocate some of the equipment to install new equipment. Additionally, we must limit the number of crews working inside the substation at the same time.

### **Status Update**

Each quarter, the Company will provide a construction update on the following information:

- Permitting
- Achievements
- Challenges
- Upcoming Construction
- Public Outreach and Communications

- Budget
- Noteworthy Changes

### *Permitting*

The Company does not anticipate the need for any additional permits for this Project.

### *Achievements*

Since the September 16, 2024 Quarterly Update, the Company has accomplished the following milestones for the Project, including:

- The Company has completed installation of the last three sets of backbones on the west side of the Idylwood Substation.
- The Company has started relocating the sidewalk along Shreve Road and extending the right turn lane.
- In July 2024, breakers and the local control cabinets were delivered. The assembly process of the breakers and switches is currently ongoing.

### *Key Challenges*

None to report for the December 16, 2024 Quarterly Update.

### *Upcoming Construction*

1. The Company will continue to assemble the 230 kV GIS breakers and equipment. The Company will continue to wire the equipment.
2. HICO will continue to install the Gas Insulated Bus on the east side of the 230 kV GIS building. The Company anticipates that this work will be completed in the coming months.
3. HICO will begin to install the Gas Insulated Bus on the west side of the 230 kV GIS building.

### *Public Outreach and Communications*

The most recent notifications were the following:

1. On October 9, 2024, the Company notified the community of the sidewalk closure on Shreve Road.

### *Budget*

The budget for the Project has increased from \$159 million to \$220 million.

\$166.7 million of \$220 million spent.

### *Noteworthy Changes*

No additional noteworthy changes.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing filed in Case No. PUR-2017-00002 was hand delivered, electronically mailed, and/or mailed first class postage pre-paid to the following:

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