

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE-2016-00021

For approval and certification of  
electric transmission facilities:  
Line #65 rebuild across the  
Rappahannock River

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HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

March 8, 2017

On February 29, 2016, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("Certificate") to construct and operate an electric transmission line in the counties of Lancaster and Middlesex, Virginia, across the Rappahannock River, pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act<sup>1</sup> ("Application"). Specifically, the Company proposes to rebuild approximately 2.2 miles of its existing 115 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line, Harmony Village-Northern Neck Line #65, including an approximately 1.9-mile crossing of the Rappahannock River at the Robert O. Norris Bridge ("Norris Bridge").

On March 18, 2016, the Commission entered its Order for Notice and Hearing in which, among other things, the Commission scheduled public hearings to be held at Lancaster Middle School in Kilmarnock, Virginia, on July 6, 2016; scheduled a public hearing in Richmond, Virginia, to begin on September 20, 2016; and appointed a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter and to file a final report.

On April 21, 2016, the County of Lancaster, Virginia ("Lancaster County"), filed its Notice of Participation. On May 18, 2016, William C. Barnhardt ("Barnhardt") filed his Notice of Participation. On May 27, 2016, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative ("ODEC") filed its Notice of Participation. On June 3, 2016, the Save the Rappahannock Coalition, Inc. ("Save the Rappahannock"), filed its Notice of Participation.

On June 22, 2016, Barnhardt filed his Motion to Require Applicant to Supplement Application with Additional Alternatives ("Alternatives Motion"). Specifically, Barnhardt asked that Dominion Virginia Power be directed to supplement its Application to address the following three alternatives: (i) installing a set of insulated transmission lines on the Norris Bridge ("Barnhardt Option 1"); (ii) installing insulated transmission lines in a shallow trench across the river in conjunction with horizontally drilled pathways from the north and south banks traversing shallow depths adjacent to the banks ("Barnhardt Option 2"); and (iii) laying insulated cables on

<sup>1</sup> Section 56-265.1 *et seq.* of the Code.

the river bottom itself, in conjunction with horizontally drilled pathways from the north and south banks traversing shallow depths adjacent to the banks (“Barnhardt Option 3”). On July 8, 2016, responses to the Alternatives Motion were filed by Dominion Virginia Power, Lancaster County, Save the Rappahannock, and Staff. Barnhardt filed his reply on July 15, 2016.

In a Hearing Examiner’s Ruling dated July 22, 2016, Dominion Virginia Power was directed to conduct further study of Barnhardt Option 1 and Barnhardt Option 2, and the procedural schedule was continued pending further Commission ruling or order. The procedural schedule was revised in a Hearing Examiner’s Ruling dated August 3, 2016, and further revised in a Hearing Examiner’s Ruling dated December 12, 2016.

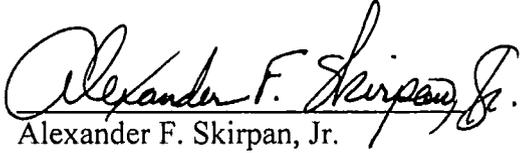
On March 6, 2017, Save the Rappahannock, Barnhardt, and Lancaster County, (collectively “Norris Bridge Respondents”) filed a Joint Motion to Hold Date for Evidentiary Hearing in Abeyance, to Conduct a Prehearing Conference, and for Expedited Consideration (“Joint Motion”). Among other things, the Norris Bridge Respondents asked that the hearing be held in abeyance pending the outcome of a prehearing conference, and that the prehearing conference be scheduled for the week of March 6, 2017. In a Hearing Examiner’s Ruling dated March 6, 2017, a prehearing conference was scheduled for March 7, 2017.

On March 7, 2017, a prehearing conference was held as scheduled. Based on the discussions during the prehearing conference, I find that the procedural schedule should be revised to provide additional time to prepare for the hearing. Furthermore, I find that the currently scheduled hearing date of March 15, 2017, should be retained for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, including witnesses from the Virginia Department of Transportation if they are unavailable on a later date. Finally, I find that all discovery questions and requests for documents must be submitted by Friday, March 24, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED THAT:**

- (1) The hearing currently scheduled for March 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. will be retained for the purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses;
- (2) The hearing for the presentation of evidence by the parties and Staff is hereby scheduled to begin on April 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.;
- (3) The period for filing discovery questions and requests for documents ends on Friday, March 24, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.; and
- (4) The date by which interested persons may file written comments with the Clerk of the Commission is extended from March 15, 2017, to April 18, 2017.

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Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.  
Senior Hearing Examiner

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HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

August 24, 2016

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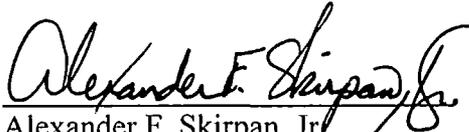
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On July 18, 2016, Lancaster County filed its Motion to Revise Procedural Dates ("Motion to Revise Dates"). On July 21, 2016, Save the Rappahannock and Barnhardt filed responses in support of the Motion to Revise Dates.

Dominion Virginia Power was directed to conduct further study of Barnhardt Option 1 and Barnhardt Option 2, and the procedural schedule was continued pending further Commission ruling or order in a Hearing Examiner's Ruling dated July 22, 2016. The procedural schedule was revised in a Hearing Examiner's Ruling dated August 3, 2016 ("August 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruling").

It has been brought to my attention that the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Ruling failed to extend the period for public comments, which is now scheduled to end on September 13, 2016. Based on the change in procedural schedule and the receipt of additional information, I find that the date by which interested persons may file written comments should be extended to March 1, 2017. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED** that the date by which interested persons may file written comments with the Clerk of the Commission is extended from September 13, 2016, to March 1, 2017.

  
Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.  
Senior Hearing Examiner

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ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

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According to the Application, the Company proposes to rebuild approximately 2.2 miles of the Company's existing 115 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line, Harmony Village-Northern Neck Line #65, located between Harmony Village Substation in Middlesex County and White Stone Substation in Lancaster County ("Proposed Project").<sup>1</sup> The portion of Line #65 that the Company proposes to rebuild includes an approximately 1.9-mile crossing of the Rappahannock River at the Robert O. Norris Bridge ("Norris Bridge"), with the remaining 0.3 mile of the Proposed Project on land.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission has previously determined that a planned rebuild of this portion of Line #65 requires a certificate of public convenience and necessity. *Petition of William C. Barnhardt, For a declaratory judgment and injunctive relief*, Case No. PUE-2015-00109, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 151220237, Final Order (Dec. 11, 2015).

For the river crossing, the Proposed Project would replace a total of seven existing wooden H-frame electric transmission structures located east of the Norris Bridge in the Rappahannock River, and 14 existing attachments to the Norris Bridge, with 10 galvanized steel H-frame structures that would be located in the Rappahannock River. As proposed, Line #65 would no longer be attached to the Norris Bridge. The new structures would be located approximately 100 feet east of the Norris Bridge in a right-of-way permitted by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.<sup>2</sup>

The height of the existing structures in the river is approximately 83 feet, while the heights of the proposed structures in the river range from approximately 102 to 173 feet.<sup>3</sup> The new galvanized steel structures would be erected on concrete pilings capped with concrete foundations, the tops of which would be approximately 22 feet above the zero elevation water line.<sup>4</sup> Additionally, a fender system would be installed in front of the two structures that would be located on either side of and parallel to the navigational channel.<sup>5</sup>

On the Lancaster side of the Rappahannock River, the Company proposes to replace one existing wooden three-pole structure, approximately 48 feet in height, with a galvanized steel three-pole structure, approximately 55 feet in height, that would be located in the existing right-of-way.<sup>6</sup> On the Middlesex side of the Rappahannock River, the Company proposes to replace four existing wooden monopole structures, with heights ranging from approximately 61

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<sup>2</sup> Application, Appendix at 1-2. The Company's Application indicates that rebuilding Line #65 in the proposed right-of-way required legislative action to vacate public oyster grounds, also known as Baylor Grounds. *Id.* at 126 (citing 2015 Va. Acts Ch. 377).

<sup>3</sup> Application, Appendix at 129-30.

<sup>4</sup> Application, DEQ Supplement at 3.

<sup>5</sup> Application at 3.

<sup>6</sup> Application, Appendix at 1, 129-30.

to 70 feet, with one double deadend galvanized steel monopole and two weathering steel monopoles, with heights ranging from 79 to 82 feet, that would be located in the existing right-of-way.<sup>7</sup>

As part of the Proposed Project, Dominion Virginia Power would also replace 2.2 miles of existing conductor and one static wire on Line #65 with approximately 2.2 miles of new conductor and two shield wires.<sup>8</sup> The Application indicates that the Proposed Project could be in service by December 2017.<sup>9</sup> The Company estimates the total cost of the Proposed Project to be approximately \$26.2 million.<sup>10</sup>

According to the Application, the Proposed Project is needed to maintain electric transmission system reliability and to address structural and operational deficiencies associated with the existing structures and bridge attachments identified in the Application. The Application indicates that the existing structures and bridge attachments, which were originally installed in 1962, must be replaced to address the risk associated with their age, condition, and proximity to the Norris Bridge.<sup>11</sup>

In addition to the Proposed Project, which Dominion Virginia Power requests Commission approval of, the Application indicates that the Company has identified a 230 kV

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<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 2. The Proposed Project would replace three-phased 477 ACSR (24/7) conductor with three-phased 900 ACSS/TW/HS-285/MM (20/7) conductor. *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> Application at 2.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 3. This estimate includes the cost to relocate an approximately 0.2-mile distribution line that the Company indicates would be necessary as part of the Proposed Project. *Id.* at 4.

<sup>11</sup> Application, Appendix at 1-6.

overhead alternative and an underground alternative for the Commission's consideration.<sup>12</sup> According to the Company, 230 kV construction would require, among other things, structures taller than would be constructed for the 115 kV Proposed Project.<sup>13</sup> The Company indicates that an underground crossing of the Rappahannock River would require, among other things, two transition stations, one on each side of the river crossing in Lancaster and Middlesex Counties.<sup>14</sup> The Company estimates that the cost of the 230 kV and underground alternatives would be approximately \$26.3 million and \$83.6 million, respectively.<sup>15</sup>

A more complete description of the Proposed Project, and of the 230 kV and underground alternatives, may be found in the Company's Application.

As provided by § 62.1-44.15:21 of the Code, the Commission and the State Water Control Board must 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 State Water Control 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.<sup>16</sup> The Commission Staff ("Staff") has requested the Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection of the DEQ to provide a Wetland Impacts

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<sup>12</sup> Application at 4. The Company's Application indicates that, pursuant to Code § 15.2-2202 D, the Company has advised Lancaster and Middlesex officials of its intention to file the Application. Application, Appendix at 151, 154-57.

<sup>13</sup> Pre-filed Direct Testimony of Amanda M. Mayhew at 5-7.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* at 7-9.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 6, 9.

<sup>16</sup> *In the Matter of 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).

Consultation for the Proposed Project.<sup>17</sup> The Staff has also requested the DEQ to coordinate an environmental review of this Application by the appropriate agencies and to provide a report on the review.<sup>18</sup>

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

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE-2016-00021.

(2) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"),<sup>19</sup> a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission and to file a final report.

(3) A public local hearing shall be convened on July 6, 2016, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Lancaster Middle School, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482, to

<sup>17</sup> Letter from D. Mathias Roussy, Jr., State Corporation Commission, dated March 2, 2016, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUE-2016-00021.

<sup>18</sup> Letter from D. Mathias Roussy, Jr., State Corporation Commission, dated March 2, 2016, to Bettina Sullivan, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUE-2016-00021.

<sup>19</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

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receive testimony on the Company's Application from public witnesses participating as provided by 5 VAC 5-20-80 C, *Public witnesses*, of the Rules of Practice.

(4) A public evidentiary hearing on the Application shall be convened on September 20, 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony of public witnesses and the evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff. Any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness at this evidentiary hearing should appear in the Commission's courtroom fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff.

(5) A copy of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means. Copies of the public version of all documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

(6) On or before April 26, 2016, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (7) to all owners, as of the date of this Order, of property within the route of the proposed line, as indicated on the map or sketch of the route filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by 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 § 58.1-3100 *et seq.* of the Code.

(7) On or before May 3, 2016, the Company shall publish in two (2) successive weeks the sketch map of the proposed route and alternatives, as shown on page 214 of the Appendix to the Application, and the following notice as display advertising (not classified) in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in every county and municipality through which the Proposed Project would be built:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRIC  
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### **Transmission Line Routes**

#### **Proposed 115 kV Overhead Route**

The proposed 115 kV overhead route of the Proposed Project is a 2.2-mile segment of an existing single circuit 115 kV transmission line, Harmony Village-Northern Neck Line #65. The proposed route originates east of Mary Ball Road (State Route 3) in Middlesex County and heads northeast for approximately 0.3 mile, where it crosses the Rappahannock River for approximately 1.9 miles utilizing an 80-foot right-of-way permitted by the VMRC, which expands to 200 feet at two sections in the center span of the Norris Bridge to accommodate the fender system on either side of the navigation channel in the river. The centerline of the proposed structures in the river will be located approximately 100 feet east of Norris Bridge. Once coming ashore on the northern bank of the Rappahannock River, the proposed route travels less than 0.1 mile (150 feet) in a northeasterly direction before ending at the first structure on land in Lancaster County.

#### **230 kV Overhead Alternative**

The 230 kV overhead alternative would rebuild a portion of the existing single circuit 115 kV transmission line, Harmony Village-Northern Neck Line #65, along the same 2.2-mile route for the 115 kV Proposed Project, described above, except that the right-of-way would need to be expanded by three feet in Middlesex County to accommodate the operation of a 230 kV transmission line.

**Underground Alternative**

The underground alternative would replace approximately 2.3 miles of the existing single circuit 115 kV transmission line, Harmony Village-Northern Neck Line #65, with underground and overhead construction. The underground alternative begins east of Mary Ball Road (State Route 3) at the transition station site in Middlesex County and heads northeast for approximately 0.3 mile, where it crosses the Rappahannock River for approximately 1.9 miles and would require an 80- to 100-foot right-of-way and two splice locations measuring 650-feet long and 200-feet wide. The centerline of the cables beneath the river will be located approximately 100 feet east of Norris Bridge. Once coming ashore on the northern bank of the Rappahannock River, the underground alternative travels 0.2 mile in northeasterly direction before ending at the transition station site in Lancaster County.

All distances and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the routes accompanies this notice. A more detailed map of the routes may be viewed on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/pue/elec/transline.aspx>.

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

A more complete description of the Proposed Project, and of the 230 kV and underground alternatives, may be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings in Lancaster County and Richmond, Virginia. A local public hearing will be convened on July 6, 2016, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Lancaster Middle School, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482, for the sole purpose of receiving testimony of public witnesses. The public hearing will resume on September 20, 2016, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff.

Copies of the Application and documents filed in this case are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Copies of the Application and other supporting materials also may be inspected during regular business hours at the following locations:

Dominion Virginia Power  
701 East Cary Street, 12th Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
Attn: Amanda Mayhew

Lancaster County  
8311 Mary Ball Road  
Lancaster, Virginia 22503  
Attn: Mr. Frank Pleva

Middlesex County  
877 General Puller Highway  
Saluda, Virginia 23149  
Attn: Mr. Matt Walker

Interested persons also may obtain a copy of the Application by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before June 7, 2016, a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 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. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00021. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before September 13, 2016, any interested person wishing to comment on the Application shall file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before September 13, 2016, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact discs or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00021.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above.

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(8) On or before April 26, 2016, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order on the chairman of the board of supervisors or mayor of every county, city, and town through which the Proposed Project would be built. Service shall be made by first class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(9) On or before May 24, 2016, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8), including the name, title, and address of each official served, with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118.

(10) On or before May 24, 2016, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of the mailing of notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering



(13) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve upon the respondent a copy of the Application and supporting materials, unless these materials have already been provided to the respondent.

(14) On or before August 9, 2016, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (9) and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*; 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*; and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00021.

(15) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before August 23, 2016, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of testimony and exhibits, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Staff shall serve a copy thereof on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(16) On or before September 6, 2016, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission: (a) 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; and (b) a summary not to exceed one page of each direct witness's testimony if not previously included therewith. The Company shall serve a copy on the Staff and all respondents. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (9).

(17) The Company and respondents shall respond to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of Rule 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, or by facsimile, 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>20</sup> Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(18) This matter is continued.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:  
Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street,  
Richmond, Virginia 23219; Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, Jennifer D. Valaika, Esquire, and Lisa R.  
Crabtree, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond,  
Virginia 23219; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of  
Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, Second Floor,  
Richmond, Virginia 23219. A copy also shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of  
General Counsel and Divisions of Energy Regulation and Utility Accounting and Finance.

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<sup>20</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, by clicking "Docket Search," then "Search Cases," and entering the case number, PUE-2016-00021, in the appropriate box.