

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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PETITION OF
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

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CASE NO. PUE-2016-00028

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For a declaratory judgment

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On March 15, 2016, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or "Company"), by counsel, filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a Petition pursuant to Rule 100 C of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.¹ In its Petition, Dominion requests from the Commission a declaratory judgment determining whether the Company is required, pursuant to Chapter 10.1 of Title 56 and/or § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia, to obtain certificates of public convenience and necessity for three electric transmission line projects planned by the Company (collectively, the "Projects").² Dominion describes the Projects for which it seeks declaratory judgment as follows:

Line #541 Project – Fauquier County

Dominion's Line #541 is an existing single circuit 500 kilovolt ("kV") electric transmission line. To address a National Electric Safety Code clearance issue, the Company's Line #541 Project would replace one COR-TEN® angle tower, approximately 147 feet in height, with two galvanized steel H-Frame structures, approximately 122 and 152 feet in height. The existing conductor would be reused. The Line #541 Project is located entirely within Fauquier County and the Company's service territory and does not require any new right-of-way. This project would cross wetlands at Remington Junction, approximately three-quarters of a mile

¹ 5 VAC 5-20-100 C.

² The Company's filing includes a verification of the factual representations contained in the Petition.

southwest of the Company's existing Remington Substation. The Company estimates the total cost for this structure replacement is approximately \$1.5 million and is scheduled to be completed by May 31, 2017.³

VDOT Relocation Project 1 – City of Norfolk

Dominion's Lines #2038 and #135 are existing single circuit 230 kV and 115 kV, respectively, electric transmission lines jointly located on double circuit structures. To accommodate the expansion of an Interstate 264 ramp by the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT"), the Company's VDOT Relocation Project 1 would replace and relocate four double circuit structures for Lines #2038 and #135. Four existing painted double circuit engineered steel poles, ranging between approximately 105 to 125 feet in height, would be replaced with four double circuit galvanized steel poles, ranging between approximately 100 to 165 feet in height. The existing conductors would be reused. The VDOT Relocation Project 1 is located entirely within the City of Norfolk and the Company's service territory and does not require any new right-of-way. The Company estimates the total cost for this relocation, which would be funded by VDOT, is approximately \$2.6 million. This project is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2017.⁴

VDOT Relocation Project 2 – City of Virginia Beach

Dominion's Lines #2019 and #245 are existing single circuit 230 kV electric transmission lines jointly located on double circuit structures. To accommodate the expansion of another Interstate 264 ramp by VDOT, the Company's VDOT Relocation Project 2 would replace six double circuit structures for Lines #2019 and #245 with four relocated double circuit structures.

³ Petition at 5-6.

⁴ *Id.* at 6-7.

Six existing painted double circuit engineered steel and concrete poles, ranging between approximately 95 to 117 feet in height, would be replaced with four double circuit galvanized steel poles, ranging between approximately 105 to 165 feet in height. The existing conductors would be reused. The VDOT Relocation Project 2 is located entirely within the City of Virginia Beach and the Company's service territory and does not require any new right-of-way. The Company estimates the total cost for this relocation, which would be funded by VDOT, is approximately \$2.9 million. This project is scheduled to be completed no later than February 1, 2021.⁵

A more complete description of the planned Projects may be found in the Company's Petition.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Petition, finds that this matter should be docketed; that the Company should provide public notice of the Petition and should serve this Order upon appropriate persons; that interested persons and the Commission's Staff should have the opportunity to file comments on the Petition as set forth in this Order; and that the Company should have the opportunity to reply to any such comments.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter hereby is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE-2016-00028.

(2) A copy of the Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2, 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

⁵ *Id.* at 7-8.

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>.

(3) On or before April 15, 2016, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Comment on the chairman of the board of supervisors or mayor of every county, city, and town through which the Projects 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.

(4) On or before April 15, 2016, the Company shall publish once as display advertising (not classified) the following notice in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in every county and municipality through which the Projects would be built:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION
BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
FOR A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
CASE NO. PUE-2016-00028

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approximately 122 and 152 feet in height. The existing conductor would be reused. The Line #541 Project is located entirely within Fauquier County and the Company's service territory and does not require any new right-of-way. This project would cross wetlands at Remington Junction, approximately three-quarters of a mile southwest of the Company's existing Remington Substation. The Company estimates the total cost for this structure replacement is approximately \$1.5 million and is scheduled to be completed by May 31, 2017.

VDOT Relocation Project 1 – City of Norfolk

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VDOT Relocation Project 2 – City of Virginia Beach

Dominion's Lines #2019 and #245 are existing single circuit 230 kV lines jointly located on double circuit structures. To accommodate the expansion of another Interstate 264 ramp by VDOT, the Company's VDOT Relocation Project 2 would replace six double circuit structures for Lines #2019 and #245 with four relocated double circuit structures. Six existing painted double circuit engineered steel and concrete poles, ranging between approximately 95 to 117 feet in height, would be replaced with four double circuit galvanized steel poles, ranging between approximately 105 to 165 feet in height. The existing conductors would be reused. The VDOT Relocation Project 2 is located entirely within the City of Virginia Beach and the Company's service territory and does not require any new right-of-way. The Company estimates the total cost for this relocation, which would

be funded by VDOT, is approximately \$2.9 million. This project is scheduled to be completed no later than February 1, 2021.

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The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, ordered the Company to provide notice of the Petition and provided interested persons the opportunity to comment on the Petition. A copy of the Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

The Company's Petition, Commission orders, and the public version of all documents filed in Case No. PUE-2016-00028 also 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>.

On or before May 6, 2016, any interested person wishing to comment on the Petition shall file written comments on the Petition with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before May 6, 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 should refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00028.

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(5) On or before April 25, 2016, the Company shall file proof of notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (3) and (4), 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.

(6) On or before May 6, 2016, any interested party and the Commission's Staff shall file any comments on the Petition at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (5). Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before May 6, 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 should refer to Case No. PUE-2016-00028.

(7) On or before May 13, 2016, Dominion shall file a reply to any comments on the Company's Petition.

(8) This matter is continued pending further order of the Commission.

AN ATTESTED COPY of this Order shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Vishwa B. Link, 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 sent to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Energy Regulation and Utility Accounting and Finance.