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PETITION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2017-00054

For a declaratory judgment

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On April 27, 2017, 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.<sup>1</sup> In its Petition, Dominion requests from the Commission a declaratory judgment determining whether the Company is required to obtain certificates of public convenience and necessity or Commission approval, pursuant to Chapter 10.1 of Title 56 and/or § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia, for two electric transmission line projects planned by the Company (collectively, the "Projects").<sup>2</sup> Dominion describes the Projects for which it seeks declaratory judgment as follows:

Roundtable Loop – Loudoun County

Dominion's Lines #2137 and #2149 are existing 230 kilovolt ("kV") electric transmission lines located within the same corridor in the area of Loudoun County described below. To support a future distribution substation needed to adequately serve the load of data center growth in the area, including a Dominion customer ("Roundtable Customer"), the Company would extend Lines #2137 and #2149 to loop into the planned distribution substation and back to the existing transmission corridor ("Roundtable Loop"). The Roundtable Customer's new data

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<sup>1</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-100 C.

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

centers are presently being constructed across the street from an existing network of data center campuses located on hundreds of acres of property in an area focused on commercial development in Loudoun County. The project area, shown on maps filed with the Petition, is south of the intersection of Loudoun County Parkway and Uunet Drive.

As proposed, the Roundtable Loop would be located entirely on the Roundtable Customer's property in Loudoun County and within the Company's service territory. This includes a new right-of-way between the existing transmission line right-of-way and the future distribution substation site. The Company indicates that this new right-of-way, which would be approximately 390 feet in length and 160 feet in width,<sup>3</sup> will be secured from the Roundtable Customer with no need for condemnation. No new right-of-way is needed from landowners other than the Roundtable Customer.

The Roundtable Loop would relocate one existing structure and install three new structures to support double-circuit, three-phase conductors, with shield wires, that would be approximately 640 feet and 760 feet in length.<sup>4</sup> The four structures that would be used for the Roundtable Loop, including the structure that would be relocated, would be double-circuit steel poles approximately 105 feet in height.

Dominion estimates the total cost for the Roundtable Loop project would be approximately \$21 million, of which \$3 million would be for the transmission line work and \$18 million for the substation. The proposed completion date is September 1, 2018.

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<sup>3</sup> Dominion notes that the approximate 390 foot length is measured along the centerline, while the western edge of the right-of-way measures approximately 340 feet and the eastern edge measures approximately 496 feet. Petition at 7.

<sup>4</sup> Additionally, approximately 72 feet of double-circuit, three-phase conductor would be removed between the proposed poles in the existing right-of-way. *Id.* at 6.

### Triton Loop – Prince William County

To support a proposed switching station, which would serve a proposed delivery point that Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative ("NOVEC") would use to serve a data center customer ("Triton Customer"), Dominion would extend from its existing Line #2114 approximately 0.31 mile to loop into the proposed switching station and back to the existing transmission corridor ("Triton Loop"). The data center campus would be located in Prince William County's Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay, which permits new data centers by right. The project area, shown on maps filed with the Petition, is south of the intersection of Wellington Road and Piney Branch Lane in Prince William County.

As proposed, the Triton Loop would be located entirely on the Triton Customer's property in Prince William County and within NOVEC's service territory. This includes a new right-of-way between the existing transmission line right-of-way and the future switching station site. The Company indicates that this new right-of-way, which would be approximately 0.26 mile in length and ranging between 120 and 200 feet in width, will be secured from the Triton Customer with no need for condemnation. The Company also indicates that the Triton Customer will convey the property for the proposed switching station in fee or by way of perpetual easement without the need for condemnation. No new right-of-way is needed from landowners other than the Triton Customer.

Dominion's Triton Loop would install a total of six 230 kV transmission line structures: two single-circuit, three-pole structures within the existing right-of-way; two single-circuit steel H-frame structures at the edge of and within the existing right-of-way; and two double-circuit steel poles along the new right-of-way that would be conveyed by the Triton Customer. Double-circuit, three-phase conductors and shield wires would be installed for the approximately

0.31 mile length of the Triton Loop. The six structures that would be used for the Roundtable Loop range from approximately 40 feet to 110 feet in height.

The Company estimates the total cost for the Triton Loop project would be approximately \$10 million, of which \$3 million would be for the transmission line work and \$7 million for the switching station. The proposed completion date is September 1, 2018.

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. PUR-2017-00054.

(2) A copy of the Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, David J. DePippo, 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 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 May 16, 2017, 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 May 21, 2017, 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. PUR-2017-00054

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Loudoun County. The project area, shown on maps filed with the Petition, is south of the intersection of Loudoun County Parkway and Uunet Drive.

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future switching station site. The Company indicates that this new right-of-way, which would be approximately 0.26 mile in length and ranging between 120 and 200 feet in width, will be secured from the Triton Customer with no need for condemnation. The Company also indicates that the Triton Customer will convey the property for the proposed switching station in fee or by way of perpetual easement without the need for condemnation. No new right-of-way is needed from landowners other than the Triton Customer.

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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, David J. DePippo, 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. PUR-2017-00054 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

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<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before May 31, 2017, 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 31, 2017, 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. PUR-2017-00054.

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(5) On or before May 31, 2017, 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 31, 2017, 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 31, 2017, 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. PUR-2017-00054.

(7) On or before June 7, 2017, 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:  
 David J. DePippo, Esquire, Dominion Resources Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2,

Richmond, Virginia 23219; Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, Jennifer D. Valaika, Esquire, and Lauren E. Wood, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, 202 N. 9th Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219. A copy also shall be sent to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Public Utility Regulation and Utility Accounting and Finance.