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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2018-00096

For approval and certification of electric facilities:  
Landstown-Thrasher Line #231  
230 kV Transmission Line Rebuild

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On June 25, 2018, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or "Company") pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utilities Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.*, filed an application ("Application") with the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval and a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to rebuild its 230 kilovolt ("kV") Landstown-Thrasher Line #231 in the City of Virginia Beach and the City of Chesapeake.

Specifically, the Company, through its Application, seeks to: (i) rebuild, entirely within existing right-of-way or on Company-owned property, approximately 8.5 miles of the existing 230 kV overhead single circuit transmission Line #231 on double circuit structures; (2) replace 230 kV switches and perform minor conduit work at Landstown and Stumpy Lake Substations; and (3) perform minor conduit work at Thrasher Substation (collectively, the "Project").<sup>1</sup>

Line #231 runs from the Company's existing Landstown Substation in the City of Virginia Beach to the Company's existing Thrasher Substation in the City of Chesapeake.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Application at 2.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2. Dominion represents that the final two spans of structures entering into Thrasher Substation will not be rebuilt, because they were rebuilt recently by the Company pursuant to Commission approval granted in Case No. PUE-2007-00020. Notwithstanding, the Company represents that it reviewed environmental impacts for the entire existing right-of-way between Landstown and Thrasher Substations for purposes of the Application.

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Dominion represents that the proposed Project is necessary to maintain the structural integrity and reliability of its transmission system in compliance with North American Electric Reliability Corporation reliability standards.<sup>3</sup> Dominion also represents that the proposed Project will replace aging infrastructure that is at the end of its service life to comply with the Company's mandatory transmission planning criteria, thereby enabling the Company to maintain the overall long-term reliability of its transmission system.<sup>4</sup>

Dominion anticipates a December 30, 2020 in-service date for the proposed Project, subject to Commission approval and outage scheduling.<sup>5</sup> The Company anticipates the proposed Project will cost approximately \$19 million, which includes \$18.5 million for transmission-related work and \$0.5 million for substation-related work (2018 dollars).<sup>6</sup>

As provided by § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2 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 CPCN. As required by Section 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Wetland Impacts Consultation, the Commission's Staff ("Staff") has advised the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), acting on behalf of the State Water Control Board, that the Company filed its Application and that consultation is required.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Application at 2.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> Letter from Alisson P. Klaiber, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated June 29, 2018, to David L. Davis, CPWD, PWS, Director, Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2018-00096.

In addition to consultation on wetlands, § 56-46.1 G of the Code directs the Commission and DEQ to coordinate the environmental review of proposed electric facilities. Moreover, § 56-46.1 A of the Code provides for the Commission to receive and to consider reports on the proposed facilities from state environmental agencies. Accordingly, the Staff has requested DEQ to coordinate an environmental review of the Project by the appropriate agencies and to provide a report on the review.<sup>8</sup>

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed, Dominion should provide public notice of the Application; a procedural schedule should be established to allow interested persons an opportunity to file written or electronic comments and to request a hearing on the Application; interested persons should have an opportunity to participate in this proceeding as a respondent; and the Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file a report containing its findings and recommendations thereon. We further find that a Hearing Examiner should be appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission and to file a final report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2018-00096.
- (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>9</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Letter from Alisson P. Klaiber, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated June 29, 2018, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2018-00096. DEQ anticipates filing final review comments on or before September 13, 2018. *See* letter from Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, dated July 13, 2018, to Alisson P. Klaiber, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, filed in Case No. PUR-2018-00096.

<sup>9</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

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 copy of the public version of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, David J. DePippo, Esquire, Dominion Energy 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>.

(4) On or before August 22, 2018, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (5) to all owners, as of the date of this Order, of property within the route of the line affected by the Application. This requirement shall be satisfied by mailing the notice 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 Code § 58.1-3100 *et seq.*

(5) On or before August 22, 2018, the Company shall publish in two (2) successive weeks the following notice, and sketch map showing the location of the proposed Project, as shown on page 135 of the Appendix to the Application, as display advertising (not classified) in newspapers of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach and the City of Chesapeake:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF  
 AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER  
 COMPANY FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF  
 ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES:  
 LANDSTOWN-THRASHER LINE #231 230 KV  
 TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD IN THE CITY OF VIRGINIA  
 BEACH AND THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE  
CASE NO. PUR-2018-00096

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### **Route for the Proposed Project**

The proposed route for the Project is located within an approximately 8.5 mile right-of-way currently occupied by an existing 230 kV transmission line. The existing transmission line right-of-way for the proposed route, which is 120 feet wide, originates at the Company's existing Thrasher Substation in the City of Chesapeake and heads slightly northeast for approximately 4.5 miles, crossing Greenbrier Parkway, Kempsville Road, and Stumpy Lake Natural Area. The route then heads in a generally east, southeast direction for an additional approximately 4.0 miles, crossing Salem Road, South Independence Boulevard, and Dam Neck Road before terminating at the Company's existing Landstown Substation in the City of Virginia Beach.

For the proposed Project, Dominion proposes to replace the existing lattice towers with new monopole structures. The minimum proposed structure height is approximately 110 feet, the maximum proposed structure height is approximately 142 feet, and the average proposed structure height is approximately 127 feet, based on preliminary conceptual design, excluding foundation reveal and subject to change based on final engineering design.

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

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

Copies of the public version of the Application and documents filed in this case 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>.

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

Dominion Energy Virginia  
Attention: Ben Saunders  
701 East Cary Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dominion Energy Virginia  
Attention: Walter Moye  
4901 Princess Anne Road  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

Copies of the public version of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, David J. DePippo, Esquire, Dominion Energy 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 September 26, 2018, 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 shall 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. PUR-2018-00096.

On or before September 26, 2018, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's 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 26, 2018, 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 comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00096.

On or before September 26, 2018, any interested person may request a hearing in this matter by filing an original and fifteen (15) copies of a request for hearing. Any request for hearing shall state with specificity why the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be addressed adequately without a hearing. All such requests for hearing shall be filed with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above, or filed electronically by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Copies of any such filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00096.

A copy of any written comments, requests for hearing, and notices of participation simultaneously shall be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above.

All documents filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and Format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

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 by the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above.

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(6) On or before August 22, 2018, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Comment on the following officials, to the extent the position exists in the City of Virginia Beach and the City of Chesapeake: the chairman of the board of supervisors; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official); and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made by either personal delivery or first-class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Service may also be made electronically if a locality has submitted a written request to the Company for electronic service, pursuant to the Commission's April 19, 2016 Order in Case No. PUE-2016-00039. *See Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company, For a continuing waiver of 20 VAC-5-201-10 J of the Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings to permit electronic service to local officials upon request*, Case No. PUE-2016-00039, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 160420194, Order (Apr. 19, 2016).

(7) On or before September 5, 2018, the Company shall file the proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (5) and (6), 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.

(8) On or before September 5, 2018, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (7) a certificate of mailing of the notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering Paragraph (4). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of this information.

(9) On or before September 26, 2018, any interested person may file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (7). Any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before September 26, 2018, by following the instructions found 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 comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00096.

(10) Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation on or before September 26, 2018. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (7), and the respondent shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address in Ordering Paragraph (3). Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's 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. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00096.

(11) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve upon such respondent a copy of this Order for Notice and Comment, a copy of the public version of the Application, and all materials filed by the Company with the Commission unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(12) On or before September 26, 2018, any interested person may file a written request for hearing. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the hearing request shall be filed with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (7), and a copy of the request for hearing also shall be sent to counsel to the Company at the address in Ordering Paragraph (3). Any request for hearing shall state with specificity why the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be addressed adequately without a hearing. All requests for hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2018-00096.

(13) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before October 31, 2018, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Staff Report containing its findings and recommendations. The Staff shall serve a copy thereof on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(14) On or before November 14, 2018, the Company may file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Staff and all parties any response in rebuttal to the Staff Report and any comments filed by interested persons in this proceeding.

(15) All documents filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and Format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(16) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: Responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, 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 Staff.<sup>11</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.*

(17) This matter is continued.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:

David J. DePippo, Esquire, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 120 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, and Jennifer D. Valaika, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 E. Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and C. Meade Browder, Jr., Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, 202 North 9th Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219. A copy also shall be delivered to the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Public Utility Regulation and Utility Accounting and Finance.

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<sup>11</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, by clicking "Docket Search," and clicking "Search Cases," and entering the case number, PUR-2018-00096, in the appropriate box.