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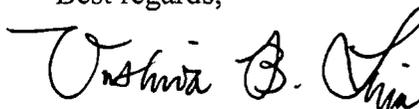
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For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities:
Haymarket 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line and 230-34.5 kV Haymarket Substation
Case No. PUE-2015-00107*

Dear Mr. Peck:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding, please find the PUBLIC version of Virginia Electric and Power Company's *Remand Direct Testimony and Exhibits*. A confidential version is also being filed under seal under separate cover.

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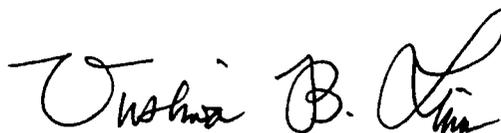
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**REMAND DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
HARRISON S. POTTER
ON BEHALF OF
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
BEFORE THE
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUE-2015-00107**

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1 **Q. Please state your name, business address and position with Virginia Electric and**
2 **Power Company (“Dominion Energy Virginia” or the “Company”).**

3 A. My name is Harrison S. Potter, and I am an Engineer III in the Distribution System
4 Planning Department of the Company. My business address is 701 East Cary Street,
5 Richmond, Virginia 23219.

6 **Q. Have you previously submitted testimony in this proceeding?**

7 A. Yes. I submitted pre-filed direct testimony on behalf of Dominion Energy Virginia to the
8 State Corporation Commission of Virginia (the “Commission”) in this proceeding on
9 November 6, 2015. I also submitted pre-filed rebuttal testimony on behalf of the
10 Company on June 9, 2016. Finally, I testified at the evidentiary hearing on direct and
11 rebuttal on June 21, 2016, and June 22, 2016, respectively.

12 **Q. What is the purpose of your remand direct testimony?**

13 A. I am providing remand direct testimony in continuing support of the Company’s
14 application to (i) convert its existing 115 kV Gainesville-Loudoun Line #124, located in
15 Prince William and Loudoun Counties, to 230 kV operation; (ii) construct in Prince
16 William County, Virginia and the Town of Haymarket, Virginia a new 230 kV double
17 circuit transmission line from a tap point approximately 0.5 mile north of the Company’s
18 existing Gainesville Substation on the converted Line #124 to a new 230-34.5 kV

1 Haymarket Substation; and (iii) construct a 230-34.5 kV Haymarket Substation on land in
 2 Prince William County to be owned by the Company (collectively, the “Project”).

3 Specifically, I will provide an update to my testimony about the continuing need for the
 4 Project from a distribution planning perspective.

5 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits as part of your remand direct testimony?**

6 A. Yes. Company Exhibit No. __, HSP, consisting of Confidential Remand Direct Schedule
 7 1.

8 **Q. Has the Commission previously found that the Project is needed?**

9 A. Yes. On April 6, 2017, the Commission entered an Interim Order, which, among other
 10 things, found that the public convenience and necessity require the Company to construct
 11 the Project and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be issued
 12 authorizing the Project as set forth in the Interim Order. (Interim Order at 7.) On June
 13 23, 2017, the Commission entered its Final Order wherein the Commission restated “that
 14 the proposed Project is needed.” (Final Order at 3.)

15 In its December 6, 2017 Order Remanding for Further Proceedings, the Commission
 16 directed the Hearing Examiner to “recommend whether the Commission should continue
 17 to find that this [P]roject is needed.” (Remand Order at 2.)

18 **Q. Is the Project still necessary to support load growth in the Haymarket Load Area?**

19 A. Yes. As I testified as part of my direct testimony, the Haymarket Load Area (which
 20 encompasses the area west of Route 29 and paralleling Route 50 and Heathcote
 21 Boulevard) is currently served by three 34.5 kilovolt (“kV”) distribution circuits

1 (“DC”)—DC #379, #695, and #378. Gainesville DC #379 and #695 are rated for 36
 2 Mega Volt Amps (“MVA”) and Gainesville DC #378 is rated for 54 MVA, for a total of
 3 126 MVA for all three lines. I explained how the DCs would soon become overloaded
 4 with the projected loads from the data center projects, along with the existing load in the
 5 Haymarket Load Area and the approximately 1% projected load growth separate from the
 6 data center projects. As of the filing of this Remand Direct Testimony on January 5,
 7 2018, loading issues continue to exist and will worsen as load growth in the Haymarket
 8 Load Area continues.

9 **Q. What is the existing and subscribed load on DC #379, #695, and #378 from**
 10 **customers in the Haymarket Load Area?**

11 A. As of the date of filing for this Remand Direct Testimony, the existing and subscribed
 12 load on these three DCs is as follows:

Circuit	2017 Load (MVA)	Max. Capacity (MVA)	% Loaded
DC #379	30.7	36	85.3%
DC #695	35.7	36	99.2%
DC #378	45.7	54	84.6%

13 These numbers include the Customer’s existing data center buildings, Customer Building
 14 “0” (i.e., the building that is adjacent to the Haymarket Campus) and 1 (i.e., the first of
 15 the new buildings on the Haymarket Campus), and other customers. These numbers do
 16 not include any of the anticipated load from Customer Buildings 2 and 3. Currently,
 17 there is a total of 13.9 MVA of available capacity on these three DCs available for
 18 additional load growth in the Haymarket Load Area.

1 This new connected load represents approximately 5% load growth for the Gainesville
2 Substation in 2018 without accounting for any additional customers or additional load
3 from the Customer's data center campus.

4 There has also been discussion in this proceeding regarding potential developments at
5 Haymarket Crossing (i.e., the Home Depot development across Route 55 from the
6 proposed Haymarket Substation) and Carter's Mill (i.e., new age-restricted community
7 immediately to the west of the proposed Haymarket Substation). The Company is not
8 aware of firm dates for connection to the distribution grid for either of these customers.
9 However, anticipated connected loads are described in the following table.

Development	*Anticipated Connected Load (MVA)	Circuit
Home Depot (James Madison Marketplace)	0.75	695
Ancillary Shopping around Home Depot	1	695
Carter's Mill Residential Development	2	695
Total	3.75	

11 *Anticipated connected load values were generated from similar types of developments.

12 Assuming these developments occur in 2019, this load alone would represent another
13 2.8% load growth in that year again without accounting for any additional customers or
14 load from the Customer's data center campus.

15 **Q. How do these known and anticipated additional loads impact the available capacity**
16 **on the three DCs discussed earlier in your testimony?**

17 A. As noted previously, currently, there are 13.9 MVA of available capacity on DC #379,
18 #695, and #378 combined. Upon connection of Customer Buildings 2 and 3 [BEGIN

1 **CONFIDENTIAL** [REDACTED] **[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]**, there
 2 will only be approximately 3.65 MVA available for future load growth in the Haymarket
 3 Load Area. And again, this does not count any actual load from Customer Buildings 2 or
 4 3, which will add significant load in the future.

5 **Q. What sort of issues arise with fully loaded distribution circuits generally?**

6 A. As I explained in my rebuttal testimony, fully loaded distribution circuits prevent the
 7 Company from effectively responding to planned and unplanned outage events. During
 8 unplanned outage events, such as a car hitting a pole, a tree falling on the lines, or
 9 lightning striking, the Company typically operates in a “switch-before-fix” method. In a
 10 “switch-before-fix” method, the Company switches load from the affected circuit to an
 11 adjacent circuit with capacity to quickly restore electricity to as many customers as
 12 possible. When distribution circuits are as overloaded as DC #379, #695, and #378, the
 13 Company may not have the available capacity to switch any load during an outage event.
 14 This means that the Company cannot operate in a “switch-before-fix” method, and
 15 instead has to operate in a “fix-before-restore” method. The “fix-before-restore” method
 16 leads to longer outage times for all customers on the affected circuit. Moreover, in the
 17 event the Company needs to take planned outages for maintenance operations, connecting
 18 new customers, or other purposes, existing customers in the Haymarket Load Area may
 19 experience extended outage times due to the lack of available capacity on the circuits in
 20 the load area that they otherwise would have not experienced.

21 **Q. Could you provide a practical example of this problem?**

22 A. Yes. On June 3, 2017, the Company experienced equipment failure on DC #379 that
 23 could have resulted in an 8 to 9 hour outage for the Novant Health UVA Haymarket

1 Medical Center if the temperature would have been 10 to 15 degrees warmer. This is
 2 because the higher temperatures would have created additional load that would have
 3 prevented the Company from operating in the “switch-before-fix” method. Considering
 4 that the high temperature that day in Haymarket was only 84°F with 34% humidity, it is
 5 not hard to imagine that, under the current electrical circumstances, the risk of longer
 6 outages due to the necessity of the “fix-before-restore” method is significant.

7 **Q. What sort of issues could arise with DC #695 specifically?**

8 A. DC #695 runs to the western portion of the Haymarket Load Area. The remaining 0.3
 9 MVA of capacity on DC #695 could be overloaded by the addition of a commercial
 10 building or new large residential development. The Remand Direct Testimony of
 11 Company Witness Gill addresses examples of recently announced and planned
 12 development in the Haymarket Load Area, which could—and likely will—account for
 13 additional demand on the area’s DCs in the near future beyond the projects I have
 14 discussed herein.

15 **Q. Could Dominion Energy Virginia serve the Haymarket Load Area’s anticipated**
 16 **load growth without the proposed Project?**

17 A. No. The existing distribution infrastructure is not adequate to serve the Haymarket Load
 18 Area’s planned and anticipated load growth from the Company’s existing Gainesville
 19 Substation.

20 **Q. Does the Company have any reason to believe that additional data center load**
 21 **growth will not materialize in the Haymarket Load Area?**

22 A. No. The Company has been repeatedly assured by the Customer developing a data center

1 campus in western Prince William County that it is committed to its development plans
 2 and intends to move forward with construction of two additional data center buildings.
 3 My Confidential Remand Direct Schedule 1 addresses this further.

4 Moreover, Prince William County continues to be a desirable and dynamic area for
 5 residential, commercial and other development, all of which means additional load on the
 6 distribution system.

7 **Q. Would the proposed Project accommodate the area’s load growth?**

8 A. Yes. Upon energization of the Haymarket Substation, the Company will use that station
 9 to serve all customers west of Route 15. At the time of my rebuttal, this was 456
 10 customers including Haymarket Village Center and the Novant Health Medical Center
 11 for a total of approximately 5.5 MVA. As of December 2017, the number of customers
 12 west of Route 15 has grown to 478. I would also expect the Haymarket Substation to
 13 serve any other additional development that may arise in this area prior and subsequent to
 14 its energization.

15 Also upon energization of the Haymarket Substation, a new distribution circuit from that
 16 station will be installed to regularly serve all customers west of Route 15. This new
 17 circuit will include two automated loop schemes or restoration schemes that will restore
 18 commercial and residential load (over 2,800 customers) currently being served by DC
 19 #379 and #695 in under two minutes during certain outage scenarios. These schemes will
 20 decrease the outage time per event and give the Company operational flexibility, as
 21 previously discussed in my Rebuttal Testimony in this proceeding.

1 Q. When is the Project now needed?

2 A. As set forth in my Confidential Remand Direct Schedule 1, [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

3 [REDACTED]
4 [REDACTED]
5 [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED] [END CONFIDENTIAL]

8 Thus, the 3.65 MVA of total available capacity discussed earlier on the Haymarket Load
9 Area's three DCs will be fully consumed by the end of 2019, if not sooner. Therefore,
10 the revised need date for the Project is [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED] [END CONFIDENTIAL] approximately by June 1, 2019.

12 The Company anticipates that if the Project is approved for construction and operation on
13 an overhead route, the Project's in-service date will be approximately 20–24 months from
14 the date of a final Commission Order. If the Commission approves the Project on the I-
15 66 Hybrid Route, the Project's in-service date will be approximately 32–36 months from
16 the date of a final Commission Order.

17 From my discussions with the Project Manager, I understand these construction estimates
18 are slightly longer than originally presented through the Company's rebuttal testimony in
19 this proceeding in an attempt to account for and represent the uncertainty regarding the
20 time needed for the substation permitting, real estate acquisition, and other unanticipated
21 construction delays.

- 1 Q. **Does this conclude your remand direct testimony?**
- 2 A. Yes, it does.

**Confidential Remand Direct Schedule 1
Entirely Redacted**