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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF

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VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY  
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CASE NO. PUE-2015-00053

**For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: Poland Road 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line Loop and 230-34.5 kV Poland Road Substation**

**HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

**August 6, 2015**

On May 20, 2015, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, § 56-265.1 *et seq.* of the Code, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the proposed Poland Road 230 kV double circuit transmission line loop and 230-34.5 kV Poland Road Substation ("Application"). In its Application, the Company proposes to construct in Loudoun County, Virginia, a new 230-34.5 kV Poland Road Substation and a new approximately four-mile overhead 230 kV double circuit transmission line between a tap of existing 230 kV Loudoun-Brambleton Line #2094 and the proposed Poland Road Substation ("Poland Road Loop"). The Poland Road Loop and Poland Road Substation are referred to as the "Project." The proposed in-service date for the Project is June 2018.

On July 29, 2015, Jaders, L.C. ("Jaders"), Stone Ridge Association, Inc., Stone Ridge Office Park, L.L.C., Stone Ridge Village Center, L.L.C., Stone Ridge Community Development, L.L.C., and Glascock Field at Stone Ridge, L.L.C. (collectively, "Stone Ridge"), Elms at Arcola, L.C. ("Elms"), South Riding Proprietary ("South Riding"), and the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County ("County") (collectively, "Respondents") filed a Joint Motion for Analysis of New Routes, Publication of New Routes, Compliance with the Procedural Requirements Set Forth in Va. Code § 56-46.1 (B), Extension of Procedural Dates and Dates for the Local Public Hearings, and Request for Expedited Consideration ("Joint Motion"). In their Joint Motion, the Respondents request that the Commission: (i) order the Company to publish notice of the additional routes identified by the County; (ii) amend the procedural dates established in the Commission's Order as set forth in the Joint Motion; (iii) require the Company to comply with the procedural requirements set forth in Va. Code § 56-46.1 (B) and the Commission's Order; and (iv) expedite consideration and approval of the Joint Motion.

By Hearing Examiner's Ruling entered on July 31, 2015, the Company and the Staff were directed to file any response to the Joint Motion on or before August 7, 2015, and the Respondents were directed to file any reply on or before August 12, 2015.

On August 4, 2015, the Company filed a Motion for Extension, in which the Company requested the following: (i) an extension of the deadline for the Company and Staff to file a response to the Joint Motion from August 7, 2015, to August 20, 2015; an extension of the deadline for the Respondents to reply to any response to the Joint Motion from August 12, 2015, to

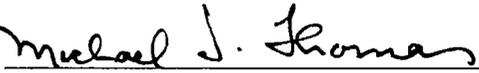
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September 4, 2015; (iii) a delay in the two local hearings scheduled for August 18, 2015, and August 25, 2015, respectively, to examine fully the issues raised in the Joint Motion and to allow time for Commission consideration; and (iv) suspend the procedural dates of the proceeding to allow time for Commission consideration of the Joint Motion, and any future notice of additional routes. In support, the Company states that the extension of time is necessary for the Company to consider fully the five alternative routes proposed by the Respondents, facilitates development of an accurate updated record, is in the furtherance of justice, and prejudices no party. The Company stated that the local public hearings scheduled for August 18, 2015, and August 25, 2015, should be delayed, with the assistance of the County, pending the results of the Company's analyses of the County's alternative routes. The Company contacted counsel for the Respondents and Staff and the Respondents support the extensions of time requested by the Company. The Staff takes no position on the Company's request.

Good cause having been shown, I find the Company's Motion for Extension should be granted. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED THAT:**

- (1) The Company's Motion for Extension is hereby granted;
- (2) On or before August 20, 2015, the Company and Staff shall file any response to the Joint Motion with the Clerk of the Commission and serve counsel for the Respondents;
- (3) On or before September 4, 2015, the Respondents shall file their reply to any response to the Joint Motion with the Clerk of the Commission and serve counsel for the Company and Staff;
- (4) The procedural schedule in the case is suspended until further ruling of the Hearing Examiner;
- (5) The local public hearings scheduled for August 18, 2015, and August 25, 2015, are hereby cancelled and will be rescheduled in a further ruling of the Hearing Examiner; and
- (6) The Company and the County are directed to issue separate press releases notifying local television, radio, and print media serving Loudoun County of the cancellation of the two local public hearings and that the local public hearings will be rescheduled to future dates and times so that the public will be provided ample opportunity for input on any routes ultimately proposed for the Commission's consideration in this case.

  
 Michael D. Thomas  
 Hearing Examiner

The Clerk of the Commission is requested to send a copy of this Ruling to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, 1300 East Main Street, Tyler Building, Richmond, VA 23219.