

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
 STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE-2015-00054

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: Yardley Ridge 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line Loop and 230 kV Yardley Ridge Switching Station

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HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

October 22, 2015

On May 20, 2015, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the proposed Yardley Ridge 231 kilovolt ("kV") double circuit transmission line loop and 230 kV Yardley Ridge Switching Station ("Yardley Ridge Project"). Dominion Virginia Power filed the Application pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.*

On June 15, 2015, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Hearing ("Scheduling Order") that, among other things, established a procedural schedule; scheduled a public hearing on the Application for November 10, 2015; and assigned this case to a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings on the Commission's behalf.

Notices of Participation were filed by Kohler Chantilly III, LLC; Creighton Road, LLC; Old Dominion Electric Cooperative; and Brambleton Group, LLC.

On October 6, 2015, Commission Staff filed a Motion of the Staff of the State Corporation Commission to Hold Filing Dates for Staff Testimony and the Company's Rebuttal Testimony in Abeyance and for Expedited Treatment ("Motion"). In support of its Motion, Staff explained that Case No. PUE-2015-00053 ("Poland Road")¹ involves a proposed transmission line in close physical proximity to the Yardley Ridge Project. Staff requested additional time to investigate the potential implications of the Poland Road alternatives on the Yardley Ridge Project prior to filing its testimony. Staff further maintained that it needed additional time to complete its site visit of the proposed Yardley Ridge Project prior to filing its testimony.

By Ruling of October 6, 2015, Staff's Motion was granted and the procedural schedule was suspended pending further ruling. The hearing date of November 10, 2015, was retained.

On October 19, 2015, Staff filed a Motion for Extension of the Procedural Schedule of the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Motion for Extension") requesting an extension of the

¹ Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, 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, Case No. PUE-2015-00053, Order for Notice and Hearing (June 17, 2015) ("Poland Road").

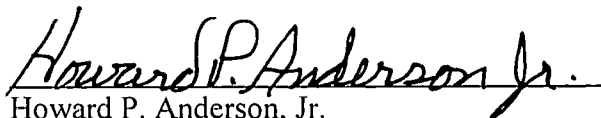
procedural schedule. Staff proposed revised procedural dates and represented that the Company and each of the Respondents had authorized Staff to represent that they have no objection to the revised procedural schedule requested in the Motion.

In support of its Motion for Extension, Staff states that it made a site visit on October 8, 2015, and that it continues to evaluate routes in conjunction with the Poland Road case. Staff believes it is important at this time for the Yardley Ridge and Poland Road proceedings to proceed on a parallel procedural path.

Good cause having been shown, I find Staff's Motion for Extension should be granted and a revised procedural schedule should be established. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED THAT:

- (1) The hearing scheduled to commence at 10 a.m. on November 10, 2015, shall be retained on the Commission's docket for the sole purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses;
- (2) Written comments may be submitted on or before January 20, 2016;
- (3) Respondents shall file any additional supplemental testimony on or before January 20, 2016;
- (4) Staff shall file its testimony on or before January 27, 2016;
- (5) The Company shall file any rebuttal testimony on or before February 16, 2016; and
- (6) The evidentiary hearing shall be reconvened at 10 a.m. on February 25, 2016, in a Commission courtroom.


Howard P. Anderson, Jr.
Hearing Examiner

A copy hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission 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, First Floor, Tyler Building, Richmond, VA 23219.