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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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PETITION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

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CASE NO. PUR-2021-00127

For approval of a plan for electric distribution grid transformation projects pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 6 of the Code of Virginia

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On June 21, 2021, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or "Company") filed a petition with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval of a plan for electric distribution grid transformation projects ("Petition") pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 6 ("Subsection A 6") of the Code of Virginia ("Code")¹ and the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-Owned Electric Utilities ("Rate Case Rules").² Specifically, Dominion seeks approval of Phase II of its ten-year plan to transform its electric distribution grid ("GT Plan"), which consists of proposed projects in 2022 and 2023.³ Dominion includes further information on its proposal in Exhibit 1 to the Petition ("GT Plan Document").⁴

¹ On July 7, 2021, pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-160 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*, the Commission's Staff ("Staff") filed an Amended Memorandum of Completeness/Incompleteness stating that additional information was submitted on July 7, 2021, and that the Petition was incomplete only with respect to the Company's requested waivers. The Amended Memorandum of Completeness/Incompleteness also stated that that the Commission's final order in this matter was statutorily due within six (6) months, or by January 7, 2022. *See* Subsection A 6.

² The Rate Case Rules may be found at 20 VAC 5-204-5 *et seq.* The Company states that the Petition complies with Rule 20 VAC 5-204-10 of the Rate Case Rules. Petition at 10.

³ Petition at 1. The Company represents that its request for approval also includes limited work in prior years related to preparation for certain Phase II projects. *Id.* The Company further represents that the Commission approved certain projects in Phase I of the GT Plan in Case Nos. PUR-2018-00100 and PUR-2019-00154. *Id.* at 5. *See also* *Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company, For approval of a plan for electric distribution grid transformation projects pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 6 of the Code of Virginia*, Case No. PUR-2018-00100, 2019 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 234, Final Order (Jan. 17, 2019); *Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company, For approval of a plan for electric distribution grid transformation projects pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 6 of the Code of Virginia, and for approval of an addition to the terms and conditions applicable to electric service*, Case No. PUR-2019-00154, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330188, Final Order (Mar. 26, 2020).

⁴ Petition at 5.

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Dominion states that fundamental changes in the energy industry have prompted the need for electric utilities across the country to modernize their distribution grids.⁵ The total proposed investment associated with Phase II of the of the GT Plan is \$669.4 million in capital investment and \$109.5 million in operations and maintenance investments.⁶

The Company states that Phase II of the GT Plan comprises 14 projects, including: (i) advanced metering infrastructure ("AMI"); (ii) the customer information platform ("CIP"); (iii) grid improvement projects, both grid infrastructure (2 projects) and grid technologies (6 projects);⁷ (iv) cyber and physical security; (vi) telecommunications; and (vii) customer education.⁸ The Company represents that many of the projects in Phase II of the GT Plan focus on facilitating the integration of DERs.⁹ The Company further represents that, in preparing the GT Plan, it evaluated each proposed project to determine whether any environmental justice concerns exist.¹⁰

The Company states that in Phase I of the GT Plan, it has pursued projects focused on the vital objectives of grid reliability and security.¹¹ The Company represents that it began the

⁵ *Id.* at 4. The Company states that policy and market developments since the General Assembly's enactment of the Grid Transformation and Security Act (2018 Va. Acts ch. 296)—notably the targets for the deployment of distributed energy resources ("DERs") set forth in the Virginia Clean Economy Act (2020 Va. Acts chs. 1193 and 1194) and the opportunities for DERs provided by FERC Order 2222 (172 FERC ¶ 61,247)—only accelerate the need for a modern distribution grid. Petition at 4-5.

⁶ Petition at 6.

⁷ The Company represents that the grid infrastructure projects include targeted corridor improvements and voltage island mitigation, and the grid technologies projects include intelligent grid devices; fault location, isolation, and service restoration ("FLISR"); enterprise asset management system; voltage optimization enablement; and substation technology deployment. Direct Testimony of Robert S. Wright, Jr., at 8-9.

⁸ Petition at 5.

⁹ *Id.* at 6.

¹⁰ GT Plan Document at 18. The Company states that six of the 14 grid transformation projects proposed for Phase II do not have a physical component that would cause any environmental consequence. *Id.* The Company also states that the remaining eight Phase II grid transformation projects will require at least some work in environmental justice communities. *Id.* The Company represents that it has engaged a third-party consultant to evaluate the eight grid transformation projects that will require at least some work in environmental justice communities and will use the results of this evaluation to inform the Company's environmental justice strategy as it relates to the GT Plan. *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.* at 2.

process in Phase I of replacing its aging customer information system with a CIP.¹² Dominion further represents that Phase I included a number of pilot projects that will study important programs and technologies for the modern distribution grid.¹³ The Company states that it plans to continue the non-pilot grid transformation projects in Phase II, including the CIP, physical security, targeted corridor improvement, and voltage island mitigation.¹⁴

Dominion states that, in Phase II, the primary focus leans more heavily into facilitating the integration of DERs while continuing to address the reality that reliability and security are vital to the success of DERs.¹⁵ The Company states that, to effectively integrate DERs into the distribution grid, the Company needs data about the grid, as well as the systems to process, manage, and use that data to optimize grid operations.¹⁶

The Company proposes to deploy AMI and intelligent grid devices that will gather data both at the end-of-the-line and along distribution feeders, respectively, and then will transmit that data in near real-time over a secure telecommunications network.¹⁷ The Company plans to fully deploy AMI across the service territory and requests in Phase II to deploy approximately 1.1 million smart meters and associated infrastructure.¹⁸ The Company states that it also proposes to install systems that will manage and use this influx of data—a DER management system

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ *Id.*

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.* at 20. The Company defines a "smart meter" as "electric meters that digitally gather energy usage data in specified increments (*i.e.*, interval data) and other related information as part of an AMI system." GT Plan Document at 46. Dominion proposes to impose a one-time initial fee of \$52.24 and an ongoing monthly fee of \$36.19 for customers wishing to opt-out of a smart meter. Direct Testimony of Augustus Johnson IV ("Johnson") at 23. The Company states that it has proposed tariff revisions related to opting out of smart meter installation, including the associated fees, in the pending triennial review proceeding, Case No. PUR-2021-00058. Johnson at 23.

("DERMS")¹⁹ and an enterprise asset management system—as well as a system that will leverage the capabilities of intelligent grid devices to improve customer reliability through FLISR functionality.²⁰

The Company also plans to deploy system-wide time-varying rates that will be available to all residential customers in 2024.²¹ Dominion represents that this plan and timeframe generally aligns with the completion of the new CIP and the system-wide deployment of AMI.²² Dominion further states that the overarching benefits of the GT Plan are that it facilitates the integration of DERs and enhances grid reliability and security.²³

Dominion also requests a waiver in part, pursuant to Rule 20 VAC 5-204-10 E of the Rate Case Rules, of the requirements under Rules 20 VAC 5-204-40 ("Rule 40") and 20 VAC 5-204-90 ("Rule 90") of the Rate Case Rules with respect to paper copies of supporting calculations for the estimated annual revenue requirement required as part of Filing Schedule 46.²⁴ The Company states that the workpapers containing the calculations supporting the estimated annual revenue requirement calculation are not easily converted to a printable version and not easily reviewed in hard copy format.²⁵ The Company seeks a waiver of the requirement to file these workpapers in hard copy and proposes to provide this documentation to the Staff and any future case participants in electronic format only.²⁶

¹⁹ The Company states that a DERMS is a single piece of centralized software to manage DERs and any associated programs by unifying the monitoring, visualization and control of DERs, and that a DERMS is needed to manage the increasing levels of DERs on the Company's system in a manner that maintains a safe and reliable grid. Johnson at 31 and 32.

²⁰ GT Plan Document at 2.

²¹ *Id.*, Appendix D, at 4.

²² *Id.*

²³ GT Plan Document at 32.

²⁴ Petition at 8.

²⁵ *Id.* at 8-9.

²⁶ *Id.* at 9.

Finally, in conjunction with the filing of its Petition, the Company filed the Motion of Virginia Electric and Power Company for Entry of a Protective Order and Additional Protective Treatment ("Motion for Protective Ruling") and a proposed protective ruling that establishes procedures governing the use of confidential information in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that the Company should provide public notice of its Petition; a public hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Company's Petition; a procedural schedule should be established to allow interested persons an opportunity to file written or electronic comments on the Company's Petition or to participate in this proceeding as a respondent; and the Staff should be directed to investigate the Petition and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations. Further, we find that a Hearing Examiner should be appointed to rule on all discovery matters that arise during the course of this proceeding, including the Company's Motion for Protective Ruling.

Further, for purposes of making the Petition complete and commencing this proceeding, we grant Dominion's request to waive in part the requirements under Rule 40 and Rule 90 of the Rate Case Rules with respect to the filing of certain Schedule 46 materials.²⁷

The Commission takes judicial notice of the recent public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels.²⁸ The Commission has taken certain actions, and may take additional

²⁷ With the Company's submission of additional information and the Commission's waiver of the Rules 40 and 90, the Petition is deemed complete as of July 7, 2021, for purposes of commencing the proceeding and calculating the six-month statutory deadline for a final order under Subsection A 6.

²⁸ See, e.g., Executive Order No. 51, Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, issued March 12, 2020, by Gov. Ralph S. Northam. This and subsequent Executive Orders related to COVID-19 may be found at: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>.

actions going forward, which could impact the procedures in this proceeding.²⁹ Consistent with these actions, in regard to the terms of the procedural framework established below, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2021-00127.
- (2) All pleadings in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice. Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.³⁰
- (3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and the Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and

²⁹ See, e.g., *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic Service of Commission Orders*, Case No. CLK-2020-00004, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330035, Order Concerning Electronic Service of Commission Orders (Mar. 19, 2020), *extended by* Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel., State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00005, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330042, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (Mar. 19, 2020), *extended by* Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic service among parties during COVID-19 emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00007, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200410009, Order Requiring Electronic Service (Apr. 1, 2020).

³⁰ As noted in the Commission's March 19, 2020 Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency in Case No. CLK-2020-00005, submissions to the Commission's Clerk's Office via U.S. mail or commercial mail equivalents may not be processed for an indefinite period of time due to the COVID-19 emergency. See *id.*

the Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or the Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on all discovery matters that arise during the course of this proceeding, including the Company's Motion for Protective Ruling.

(5) The Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition as follows:

- (a) A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on October 8, 2021, with no public witness present in the Commission's courtroom.³¹
- (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- (c) On or before October 4, 2021, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
- (d) Beginning at 10 a.m. on October 8, 2021, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.
- (e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

³¹ The Commission will convene counsel of record in this proceeding to attend the public witness hearing virtually.

(6) A public evidentiary hearing on the Petition shall be convened at 1 p.m. on October 12, 2021, either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, to receive testimony and evidence offered by the Company, respondents, and the Staff on the Petition. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

(7) An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or vlink@mcguirewoods.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Petition and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

(8) On or before July 30, 2021, the Company shall cause the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory in Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PETITION
OF VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF A PLAN FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION
GRID TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS PURSUANT TO
§ 56-585.1 A 6 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
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The Company states that Phase II of the GT Plan comprises 14 projects, including: (i) advanced metering infrastructure ("AMI"); (ii) the customer information platform ("CIP"); (iii) grid improvement projects, both grid infrastructure (2 projects) and grid technologies (6 projects); (iv) cyber and physical security; (v) telecommunications; and (vi) customer education. The Company represents that many of the projects in Phase II of the GT Plan focus on facilitating the integration of distributed energy resources ("DERs"). The Company further represents that, in preparing the GT Plan, it evaluated each proposed project to determine whether any environmental justice concerns exist.

The Company states that in Phase I of the GT Plan, it has pursued projects focused on the vital objectives of grid reliability and security. The Company states that it plans to continue the non-pilot grid transformation projects in Phase II, including the CIP, physical security, and other projects.

According to Dominion, the primary focus of Phase II involves facilitating the integration of DERs. The Company proposes to deploy AMI and intelligent grid devices that will gather data and then will transmit that data in near real-time over a secure telecommunications network. The Company plans to fully deploy AMI across the service territory, and requests in Phase II to deploy approximately 1.1 million smart meters and associated infrastructure. The Company states that it also proposes to install systems that will manage and use this influx of data—a DER management system and an enterprise asset management system—as well as a system that will leverage the capabilities of intelligent grid devices to improve customer reliability through fault location, isolation, and service restoration functionality.

The Company also plans to deploy system-wide time-varying rates that will be available to all residential customers in 2024. Dominion represents that this plan and timeframe generally aligns with the completion of the new CIP and the system-wide deployment of AMI.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on Dominion's Petition. On October 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses, with no public witness present in the Commission's courtroom.

On or before October 4, 2021, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

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The Commission has taken judicial notice of the recent public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter should be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or vlink@mcguirewoods.com.

On or before August 13, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118 or at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the 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-2021-00127.

On or before September 13, 2021, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at the address above or at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, and serve on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to, 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00127.

On or before September 30, 2021, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Petition may file comments by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case> or by filing such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00127.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The public version of the Company's Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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d/b/a DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA

(9) The Company shall serve each official listed in Rule 20 VAC 5-204-10 J 1 as provided by Rule 20 VAC 5-204-10 J 2 of the Rate Case Rules.

(10) On or before August 16, 2021, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (8) and (9), including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, or by filing electronically at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling.

(11) On or before September 30, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Petition by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments or by filing such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address in Ordering Paragraph (10). All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00127.

(12) On or before August 13, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at the address in Ordering Paragraph (10) or at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the 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-2021-00127.

(13) Within three (3) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve a copy of the public version of its Petition on the respondent.

(14) On or before September 13, 2021, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at the address in Ordering Paragraph (10) or at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00127.

(15) On or before September 24, 2021, the Staff shall investigate the Petition and file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Petition, and each

Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy thereof shall be served on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(16) On or before October 1, 2021, Dominion shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits on the Staff and all respondents.

(17) Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

(18) Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories to parties 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 five (5) business days after receipt of the same.³² In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 of the Rules of Practice, 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 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 the

³² The Company requests that the Commission allow all parties to the proceeding to have at least five to seven business days from receipt to respond to interrogatories or requests for production of documents. Petition at 12. Because this Order for Notice and Hearing imposes a five-day deadline for parties to respond to interrogatories or requests for production of documents, the Company's request is moot.

Staff.³³ Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(19) The Company's request for waiver of the requirements of Rule 40 and Rule 90 of the Rate Case Rules with respect to the filing of certain Schedule 46 materials is granted as set forth in this Order.

(20) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically 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 Commission.

³³ The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information, by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2021-00127 in the appropriate box.