

APPLICATION OF

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VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY P 1: 13 CASE NO. PUE-2015-00117

For approval and certification of electric
transmission facilities: Remington-Gordonsville
230 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

June 14, 2016

On November 13, 2015, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the proposed Remington-Gordonsville 230 kilovolt ("kV") Double Circuit Transmission Line, pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia and the Utility Facilities Act, § 56-265.1 *et seq.*

The Company proposes to (a) construct, entirely along and primarily within existing right-of-way, approximately 38.2 miles of 230 kV Remington-Gordonsville Line # 2153 in Fauquier, Culpeper, Orange, and Albemarle Counties between its existing Remington Substation in Fauquier County and existing Gordonsville Substation in Albemarle County ("Proposed Route"); and (b) construct and install associated 230 kV facilities at the Company's Gordonsville and Remington Substations (collectively, the "Project").

On December 29, 2015, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things: (1) required the Company to publish notice of the Application; (2) established a schedule for the filing of notices of participation and the submission of prefiled testimony; (3) scheduled a local hearing in Orange, Virginia, for April 28, 2016, and a hearing in Richmond for June 28, 2016; and (4) assigned this case to a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings on the Commission's behalf and to file a final report

The local hearing in Orange, Virginia, was convened as scheduled, and many public witnesses expressed opposition to the height of the towers proposed, and their preference for shorter structures similar to those supporting the Hollymead line in Albemarle County.¹ Staff also prefiled testimony finding that the use of shorter structures than those currently proposed was a technically viable option.²

On June 13, 2016, the Company filed a Motion for Extension and for Expedited Consideration ("Motion") seeking additional time to evaluate and present evidence for the Commission's consideration on the potential to utilize shorter structures where feasible along portions of the route, taking into consideration the potential need to expand right-of-way to accommodate such shorter structures, and to present the results of the evaluation in rebuttal testimony. To accommodate evaluation of reduced structure heights, the Company requests

¹ Transcript at 21, 27, 39, 84, 87, 101.

² Staff Report, sponsored by David Essah, senior utilities engineer in the Division of Energy Regulation, at 23.

modification of the procedural schedule, specifically the deadline for filing its rebuttal testimony, the deadline for receiving public comments, and the commencement of the evidentiary hearing, by approximately four weeks. The Company advised that Staff and the respondents have been contacted, and the parties who have responded either support or do not oppose the Motion. Similarly, Staff does not oppose the Motion. At the time of filing the Motion, the Company represented that it had not received a response from Madison County; William W. Sanford; OMC Alliance; Amcarwill Limited Partnership; William J. Davis, Jr.; Tombstone Limited Partnership; Charlotte E. Chumlea; Jeffrey A. Tillery; Stephen B. Carpenter; or Robert R. Putz, Ph.D.

I find good cause exists to grant the Motion. The remaining filing dates will be continued, and the hearing now scheduled for June 28, 2016, will be convened for the sole purpose of hearing testimony from any public witnesses who may appear. The hearing will then be adjourned and will be reconvened on July 28, 2016. Accordingly,

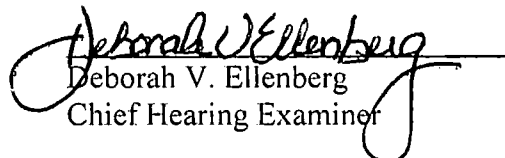
IT IS DIRECTED THAT:

(1) On or before July 12, 2016, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission: (a) any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed two pages; and (b) a summary not to exceed two pages of each direct witness's testimony if not previously included therewith. The Company shall serve a copy on the Staff and all respondents. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such rebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission.

(2) On or before July 19, 2016, any interested person may file written comments on the Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before July 19, 2016, 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. PUE-2015-00117.

(3) The public hearing now scheduled for June 28, 2016, will be retained on the Commission's docket for the sole purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses who may appear.

(4) A public hearing will be convened on July 28, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the Commission's courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony of public witnesses and the evidence of the Company, Staff, and any respondents. Any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness at this hearing should appear in the Commission's courtroom fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff.


Deborah V. Ellenberg
Chief Hearing Examiner

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