## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

# STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00206

and

OSW PROJECT LLC,

For revision of rate adjustment clause: Rider OSW, Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Commercial Project, for the Rate Year commencing September 1, 2025

## ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On November 15, 2024, pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 6 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Company") and OSW Project LLC (collectively, the "Applicants") completed the filing with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") of an annual update with respect to Rider OSW for the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Commercial Project ("Application"). Through their Application, the Applicants seek to inform the Commission of the status of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Commercial Project ("Project") and to provide the proposed cost allocation, rate design, and accounting treatment for service rendered during the proposed rate year commencing September 1, 2025, and extending through August 31, 2026 ("Rate Year").<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Applicants filed the Application on November 1, 2024. Subsequently, on November 15, 2024, the Applicants filed the supplemental direct testimony of Elizabeth B. Lecky to provide additional details regarding the Company's cost analysis as directed by the Commission in Case No. PUR-2023-00195, thereby completing the filing of their Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Application at 4.

According to the Application, the Project is proceeding on time and on budget, with certain minor modifications to the permitting schedule, although the Applicants state those modifications are not expected to impact the planned in-service date of late 2026.<sup>3</sup> The Applicants represent that the total Project cost forecast remains \$9.8 billion (excluding financing costs), including approximately \$1.4 billion of combined transmission costs.<sup>4</sup> The Applicants request that the Commission approve the updated expenditures for the Project, subject to subsequent true-ups, and find that such expenditures are reasonable and prudent in order to fulfill the Company's service obligations as a public utility.<sup>5</sup>

In this proceeding, the Applicants are requesting a total revenue requirement of \$639,500,653 for recovery in Rider OSW for the Rate Year. The Company has provided several changes to its revenue requirement calculations approved by the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2023-00195: (1) the Company is utilizing an updated revenue lag based on calendar year 2023 for calculating the cash working capital component of rate base and the Company requests that any issues related to the revenue lag be litigated in the Company's currently pending Rider GEN proceeding, Case No. PUR-2024-00097; (2) the Company proposes to establish a decommissioning trust fund to manage for the future asset retirement obligation activity of the Project; and (3) the Company has made two accounting changes related to Operations and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 6-7.

<sup>4</sup> Id. at 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 8.

<sup>6</sup> Id. at 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company, For Approval of a rate adjustment clause, designated Rider GEN, under § 56-585.1 A 6 of the Code of Virginia and the consolidation of Riders B, BW, GV, US-2, US-3, and US-4 pursuant to § 56-585.1 A 7 of the Code of Virginia, Case No. PUR-2024-00097 ("2024 Rider GEN Proceeding").

Maintenance costs and uncollectible expenses currently recovered in base rates for generation and distribution services.<sup>8</sup>

If the proposed Rider OSW revenue requirement for the Rate Year is approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer's rate schedule and usage. According to the Applicants, implementation of the proposed Rider OSW on September 1, 2025 would increase the bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$2.60 compared to the current Rider OSW. The Company indicates it has calculated the proposed Rider OSW rates in accordance with the same methodology approved by the Commission in the previous Rider OSW proceeding, Case No. PUR-2023-00195. 10

The Applicants also request a waiver, in part, of Rule 20 VAC 5-204-60 ("Rule 60") of the Commission's Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings of Investor-Owned Electric Utilities ("Rate Case Rules")<sup>11</sup> with respect to Schedules 3 through 5.<sup>12</sup> Rule 60 states that an application for a rate adjustment clause filed pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 56 of the Code, that requires an overall cost of capital, shall include Schedules 3, 4, 5, and 8. The Applicants provide that after consultation with Commission Staff ("Staff"), and in the interest of judicial economy, the Applicants are only submitting Schedule 8 for the 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Application at 12-13. The two accounting changes include: (1) Operations and Maintenance expense charges for Project-related direct labor from (i) Dominion Energy Services, Inc., such as regulatory support, and (ii) Dominion Energy Technical Solutions, Inc., which provides technical support for Project transmission infrastructure; and (2) Rider OSW uncollectible expense. *Id.* at 13. To better isolate and track these expenses for the Project, the Company has proposed to include them in Rider OSW moving forward, with a corresponding and offsetting reduction to the cost of service included in base rates, where those costs are currently included. *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Direct Testimony of Christopher C. Hewett at 5.

<sup>11 20</sup> VAC 5-204-5 et seg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Application at 16.

year-end capital structure as Schedules 3 through 5 are being reviewed by the Commission in the Company's 2024 Rider GEN Proceeding. Here, the Applicants request a waiver of the requirement to file Schedules 3 through 5 for the year-end 2023 capital structure. The Applicants also request a waiver of the requirement to file Schedules 3 through 5 for the year-end 2022 capital structures, as those have already been reviewed and approved by the Commission in the Company's 2023 biennial review proceeding, Case No. PUR-2023-00101. The Applicants are submitting Schedule 8 for the year 2022 and provide that their request for waiver is consistent with the Commission's recent order granting a similar waiver.

The Applicants also request a waiver, in part, of Rule 60 and 20 VAC 5-204-90 ("Rule 90") of the Rate Case Rules with respect to Schedule 46. Rule 60 states that an application for a rate adjustment clause filed pursuant to Chapter 23 of Title 56 of the Code shall include Schedule 46, "Rate Adjustment Clauses and Prudency Determinations Pursuant to Chapter 23 (§ 56-576 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia," as identified and described in Rule 90. Schedule 46 requires an applicant to provide certain information, including key documents supporting the projected and actual costs recovered through the rate adjustment clause, such as economic analyses, contracts, results from requests for proposals, and cost/benefit analyses. According to the Applicants, the supporting documentation responsive to this requirement is voluminous

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Id. at 16-17. Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company, For Approval of its 2024 RPS Development Plan under § 56-585.5 D 4 of the Code of Virginia and related requests, Case No. PUR-2024-00147, Order on Motions at 9 (Sept. 12, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Application at 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Rule 90, Schedule 46 instructions, § (c) (1) (iii).

and not easily reviewed in hard copy (paper) format, and, therefore, the Applicants seek waiver of the requirement to file 15 hard copies of the information. <sup>18</sup> Instead, the Applicants propose to: (i) provide the Commission with one hard copy and three electronic copies on compact discs; and (ii) provide the documentation to Staff and any future case participants in electronic format. <sup>19</sup>

Finally, in conjunction with the filing of their Application on November 1, 2024, the Applicants filed the Motion of Virginia Electric and Power Company and OSW Project LLC for Entry of a Protective Order and Additional Protective Treatment ("Motion for Protective Ruling") and a proposed protective order that suggests procedures governing the use of confidential and extraordinarily sensitive information in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; the Applicants should provide public notice of their Application; a hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses and evidence on the Application; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or to participate as respondents in this proceeding; and Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon. We also find that a Hearing Examiner should be appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including ruling on the Applicants' Motion for Protective Ruling and filing a final report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations. Further, based on the particular facts of this case, we find that the Applicants' request to waive in part the requirements under Rule 60 of the Rate Case

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Application at 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Id.

Rules with respect to the filing of Schedules 3 through 5, and the requirements under Rule 60 and Rule 90 of the Rate Case Rules with respect to the filing of certain Schedule 46 materials, should be granted.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, 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-2024-00206.
- (2) All pleadings in this matter shall 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 ("Rules of Practice"). <sup>20</sup> 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.
- (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 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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq.

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 Code § 12.1-31 and 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including ruling on the Applicants' Motion for Protective Ruling and filing a final report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations. A copy of each filing made with the Commission's Clerk's Office in this matter shall also be sent electronically to the Office of the Hearing Examiners. <sup>21</sup>
- (5) The Commission schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Applicants' Application, as follows:
  - (a) A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Applicants' Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2025.
  - (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
  - (c) On or before May 1, 2025, 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 <a href="scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting</a>; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to <a href="scc.virginia.gov">SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov</a>; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
  - (d) Beginning at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2025, the Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.
  - (e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Such electronic copies shall be sent to OHEParalegals@scc.virginia.gov.

- (6) The evidentiary portion of the hearing on the Application shall be convened at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2025, or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Applicants, any respondents, and Staff.
- (7) An electronic copy of the public version of the Application 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 <a href="mailto:vlink@mcguirewoods.com">vlink@mcguirewoods.com</a>. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.
- (8) On or before January 4, 2025, the Applicants shall cause the following notice to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory within Virginia:

# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA AND OSW PROJECT LLC FOR REVISION OF RATE ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE: RIDER OSW, COASTAL VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND COMMERCIAL PROJECT, FOR THE RATE YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 CASE NO. PUR-2024-00206

- Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia and OSW Project LLC (collectively, "Applicants") have applied for approval to revise their rate adjustment clause, Rider Offshore Wind ("Rider OSW").
- In this case, the Applicants have asked the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to approve Rider OSW for the rate year beginning September 1, 2025, and ending August 31, 2026 ("Rate Year").
- For the Rate Year, the Applicants request a revenue requirement of \$639,500,653, which they state would increase the monthly bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per month by \$2.60.
- A Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing in this case on May 8, 2025, at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.
- An evidentiary hearing will also be held on May 8, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Applicants, any respondents, and Commission Staff.
- Further information about this case is available on the SCC website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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In this proceeding, the Applicants are requesting a total revenue requirement of \$639,500,653 for recovery in Rider OSW for the Rate Year. The Company has provided several changes to its revenue requirement calculations approved by the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2023-00195: (1) the Company is utilizing an updated revenue lag based on calendar year 2023 for calculating the cash working capital component of rate base and the Company requests that any issues related to the revenue lag be litigated in the Company's currently pending Rider GEN proceeding, Case No. PUR-2024-00097; (2) the Company proposes to establish a decommissioning trust fund to manage for the future asset retirement obligation activity of the Project; and (3) the Company has made two accounting changes related to Operations and Maintenance costs and uncollectible expenses currently recovered in base rates for generation and distribution services.

If the proposed Rider OSW revenue requirement for the Rate Year is approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer's rate schedule and usage. According to the Applicants, implementation of the proposed Rider OSW on September 1, 2025 would increase the bill of a typical residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$2.60 compared to the current Rider OSW. The Company indicates it has calculated the proposed Rider OSW rates in accordance with the same methodology approved by the Commission in the previous Rider OSW proceeding, Case No. PUR-2023-00195.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Applicants' Application and supporting documents in full for additional details about this matter.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Application and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Application and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on the Application. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2025. On or before May 1, 2025, 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.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On May 8, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Applicants, any respondents, and the Commission Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

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On or before May 1, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <a href="mailto:sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments">sec.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments</a>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00206.

On or before January 31, 2025, 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 <a href="scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</a>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Applicants, any other respondents and Staff electronically as described above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5- 20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10

et seq. ("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-2024-00206. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before March 28, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</a>, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy of all testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Applicants, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. 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-2024-00206.

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 Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.

### VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY AND OSW PROJECT LLC

(9) The Applicants shall serve each official listed in 20 VAC 5-204-10 J 1 as provided by 20 VAC 5-204-10 J 2.

- (10) On or before January 24, 2025, the Applicants 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 Commission at <a href="sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</a>.
- (11) On or before May 1, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website:

  scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00206.
- respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</a>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (11). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Applicants, any other respondents and Staff as described in Ordering Paragraph (3). Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's 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-2024-00206.

- (13) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Applicants shall serve upon the respondent a copy of the public version of the Application and supporting materials, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.
- (14) On or before March 28, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at <a href="scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</a> any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (11). Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy of all testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Applicants, and all other respondents. 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-2024-00206.
- (15) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before March 28, 2025, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Staff shall serve a copy thereof on counsel to the Applicants and all respondents.
- (16) On or before April 16, 2025, the Applicants shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that they expect to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page.

- (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 by Ordering Paragraph (2), all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.
- (18) The Commission's 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 seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. 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 Staff.<sup>22</sup> Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq*.
- (19) The Applicants' requested waivers, in part, of Rule 60 and Rule 90 of the Commission's Rate Case Rules are granted as described herein.
  - (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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, <u>scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</u>, by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2024-00206, in the appropriate box.