APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2021-00194

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: Transmission Lines #2002 and #238/249
230 kV Partial Rebuild

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On August 19, 2021, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for approval and certification of electric transmission facilities in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. Dominion filed its Application pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 et seq.

Through its Application, the Company proposes rebuild projects co-located within existing right-of-way or on Company-owned property along an approximately 1.0-mile existing transmission corridor in Dinwiddie County, Virginia (collectively, the "Rebuild Project"). The Company states that, because the existing right-of-way and Company-owned property are adequate for the proposed Rebuild Project, no permanent new right-of-way is required.

Dominion states that it proposes the Rebuild Project in order to maintain the structural integrity

1 Application at 2.

2 Id. at 5. The Company proposes to install a temporary Line #249 to ensure continuous service during construction of the Rebuild Project. Id. at 5, n.2. The Company states that it is pursuing a temporary construction easement for the duration of the rebuild of Line #249 to maintain adequate electrical clearance from the temporary Line #249 to the existing vegetation at the edge of the right-of-way. Id. The temporary Line #249 will be constructed within existing right-of-way, and the temporary construction easement will provide tree clearing rights to the Company in order to maintain electrical clearance during operation of the line. Id.
and reliability of its transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability Corporation Standards. The Company proposes the following in the Rebuild Project:

(a) to rebuild an approximately 1.0 mile segment of Line #2002, including replacing six existing COR-TEN® lattice structures with six galvanized steel lattice structures of similar height and design re-using existing foundations, installing one new weathering steel 3-pole structure, and replacing the existing conductor and fiber optic shield wire;

(b) to rebuild an approximately 1.0-mile segment of Lines #238/#249, including replacing five existing COR-TEN® lattice structures with five galvanized steel lattice structures of similar height and design re-using the existing foundations, replacing four wood 3-pole structures with four self-supporting steel 3-pole structures, and replacing the existing conductor and fiber optic shield wire; and

(c) to perform minor related substation work at Carson Substation and perform relay resets at Locks, Clubhouse, and Poe Substations.

Dominion states that the proposed Rebuild Project will replace aging infrastructure that is at the end of its service life in order to comply with the Company's mandatory transmission planning criteria. Dominion further states that the Rebuild Project will enable the Company to maintain the overall long-term reliability of its transmission system.

The Company states that the desired in-service date for the Rebuild Project is November 15, 2023. The Company represents that the estimated conceptual cost of the Rebuild Project (in

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3 Id. at 2.

4 COR-TEN® is a trademark of United States Steel Corporation

5 Application at 2.

6 Id. at 2-3.

7 Id. at 4.

8 Id. Dominion requests that the Commission enter a final order by March 15, 2022. Id. The Company states that, should the Commission issue a final order by March 15, 2022, the Company estimates that construction should begin on February 1, 2023, and be completed by November 15, 2023. Id.
2021 dollars) is approximately $12.4 million, which includes approximately $12.2 million for transmission-related work and approximately $0.2 million for substation-related work.9

As provided by Code § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2, the Commission and the State Water Control Board ("Board") consult on wetland impacts prior to the siting of electric utility facilities that require a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Acting on behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") must prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Application, as required by the Code and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts.10 The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested the Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection at the DEQ to provide a Wetland Impacts Consultation for the Rebuild Project.11

As provided by Code §§ 10.1-1186.2:1 B and 56-46.1 A, the Commission and the DEQ coordinate reviews of the environmental impact of electric generating plants and associated facilities. Pursuant to the Code and consistent with the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Coordination of Reviews of the Environmental Impacts of Proposed Electric Generating Plants and Associated Facilities (August 2002),12 the Commission receives and considers reports on the proposed

9 Id.
11 Letter from Anna A. Dimitri, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated August 26, 2021, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2021-00194.
facilities from state environmental agencies. The Staff has requested the DEQ to coordinate an environmental review of this Application by the appropriate agencies and to provide a report on the review.\textsuperscript{13}

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Application and applicable statutes, finds that: this matter should be docketed; Dominion should give notice of its Application to interested persons and the public; public hearings should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application as well as public witness testimony; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or participate as a respondent in this proceeding; and the Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon. Finally, we find that this matter should be assigned to a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission.

The Commission further takes judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. The Commission has taken certain actions, and may take additional actions going forward, that could impact the procedures in this proceeding.\textsuperscript{14} Consistent with these actions, in regard to the terms of the procedural framework established

\textsuperscript{13} Letter from Anna A. Dimitri, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated August 26, 2021, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2021-00194.

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-2021-00194.

(2) All pleadings in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("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.

(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 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.

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15 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq.

16 As noted in the Revised Operating Procedures Order, submissions to the Commission's Clerk's Office via U.S. mail or commercial mail equivalents may be subject to delayed processing due to the COVID-19 public health issues.
(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code 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 and to file a final report.

(5) The Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Rebuild Project, as follows:

(a) A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Rebuild Project shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on February 1, 2022, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom.17

(b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.

(c) On or before January 26, 2022, 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](http://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 February 1, 2022, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above. This hearing will not be convened, and the parties will be notified of such, if no person signs up to testify as a public witness.

(e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

(6) A hearing on the Rebuild Project shall be convened at 10 a.m. on February 2, 2022, 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 Rebuild Project. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

17 The Commission will convene counsel of record in this proceeding to attend the public witness hearing virtually.
An electronic copy of the Company’s Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, McGuire Woods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or vlink@mcguirewoods.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission’s website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

On or before October 13, 2021, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (9) to all owners of property within the route of the Rebuild Project, as of the date of this Order and as indicated on the map or sketch of the route filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by mailing to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance, treasurer, or other officer of the county or municipality designated as provided by Code § 58.1-3100 et seq.

On or before October 13, 2021, the Company shall cause the following notice and the sketch map of the proposed route, as shown on page 164 of the Appendix to the Application, to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one occasion in newspapers of general circulation in Dinwiddie County:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES: TRANSMISSION LINES #2002 AND #238/249 230 KV PARTIAL REBUILD CASE NO. PUR-2021-00194

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**Description of the Route**

The proposed route for the Rebuild Project is located within an approximately 1.0-mile existing transmission right-of-way corridor currently occupied by 230 kilovolt ("kV") Lines #2002 and #238/#249 entirely within Dinwiddie County, Virginia. The existing transmission line right-of-way for the proposed Rebuild Project varies in width from approximately 235 to 450 feet. The proposed route for the Rebuild Project originates at the Carson Substation and continues approximately 1.0 mile west, terminating one span northeast of the junction near the Reams Delivery Point.

As part of the Rebuild Project, the Company proposes to replace 15 existing structures and install one new structure. These 16 proposed permanent structures have a minimum proposed structure height of approximately 42 feet, a maximum proposed structure height of approximately 150 feet, and an average proposed structure height of approximately 108 feet, based on preliminary conceptual design, excluding foundation reveal and subject to change based on final engineering design.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects. A more complete description of the Rebuild Project also may be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health issues related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served 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"). 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 or subsequent Hearing Examiner's Ruling for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on Dominion's Application. On February 1, 2022, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before January 26, 2022, 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.

On February 2, 2022, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

Electronic copies of the Application and other supporting materials may be inspected at: https://www.dominionenergy.com/carsonreams. An electronic copy of the Company's Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Vishwa B. Link, Esquire, McGuire Woods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East
On or before November 17, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. 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 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-2021-00194. 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 January 25, 2022, any interested person may file 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 file comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00194.

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 Company's 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: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.
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(10) On or before October 13, 2021, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town through which the Rebuild Project is proposed to be built: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.18

(11) On or before November 3, 2021, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (9) and (10) above, including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/.

(12) On or before November 3, 2021, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of the mailing of notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering Paragraph (8). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of such information.

(13) On or before January 25, 2022, any interested person may file 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 file comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State

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18 In addition to the Commission’s April 1, 2020 Order in Case No. CLK-2020-00007 (see n.14, supra), see also Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company, For a continuing waiver of 20 VAC 5-201-10 J of the Rules Governing Utility Rate Applications and Annual Informational Filings to permit electronic service to local officials upon request, Case No. PUE-2016-00039, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 160420194, Order (Apr. 19, 2016).
Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00194.

(14) On or before November 17, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. 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 Company. 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-2021-00194.

(15) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve upon the respondent a copy of the Application and supporting materials, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(16) On or before December 8, 2021, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, 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. All
testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with its 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-2021-00194.

(17) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before December 29, 2021, 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 Company and all respondents.

(18) On or before January 12, 2022, 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.

(19) All 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 Commission's Rules of Practice.

(20) 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.\textsuperscript{19} 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.

(21) 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.

\textsuperscript{19} The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, \url{sec.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information},
by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number,
PUR-2021-00194, in the appropriate box.