

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 27, 2020

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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS, INC.

CASE NO. PUR-2019-00207

For approval and certification of natural gas facilities, the Header Improvement Project, and for approval of Rate Schedules and Terms and Conditions for Pipeline Transportation Service

ORDER ON HEARINGS

On December 6, 2019, Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. ("VNG"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval and certification of natural gas facilities pursuant to the Utility Facilities Act, Code §§ 56-265.1 and 56-265.2. Through its Application and pursuant to Rule 80 A of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ 5 VAC 5-20-80 A, VNG also seeks approval to implement Rate Schedules HP-TRFT, HP-FT, HP-LFT, and HP-IT and Terms and Conditions for Pipeline Transportation Service.

On December 23, 2019, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things: (1) permitted any interested person to file written or electronic comments with the Commission on or before April 28, 2020; (2) scheduled a public hearing for May 12, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to receive testimony from public witnesses; and (3) scheduled an evidentiary hearing for May 13, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the same location, to receive the testimony and evidence offered by the Company, the respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

¹ 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, is of the opinion and orders as follows.

As an initial matter, the Commission notes that there are motions and other requests pending in this proceeding that, subject to the outcome thereof, may impact the current procedural and hearing schedule. The Commission emphasizes that the instant Order on Hearings does not speak to, nor in any manner serves to prejudice, those pending matters. In addition, the Commission will forthwith rule upon the pending motions when the pleading cycles established therefor have concluded.

The Commission, however, finds that it is appropriate at this time to inform the parties and the public as to how the currently scheduled proceedings are to be conducted in response to the ongoing public health emergency. To wit:

- 1) The deadline for filing written or electronic public comments in this matter is extended to May 12, 2020.
- 2) On May 12, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m., the Commission will receive via telephone electronic public witness testimony in this matter. Public witnesses may access the hearing by dialing 804-299-5840, and entering the conference ID of 553303237. To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- 3) On May 13, 2020, commencing at 10:00 a.m., the Commission will convene the evidentiary hearing in this matter via Skype for Business ("Skype"), with no one present in the Commission's courtroom.

The Commission will also schedule a pre-hearing conference with the parties to this case, held via Skype, to address specific procedures attendant to the public witness and evidentiary hearings scheduled above.

Accordingly, IT IS SO ORDERED, and this matter is CONTINUED.

AN 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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VNG seeks approval and certification as requested to provide new service to an independent power producer, C4GT, LLC ("C4GT"), for a facility to be located in Charles City

¹ 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

County, Virginia, to provide incremental transportation capacity to existing customers, and to maintain reliable service in the area.² Specifically, VNG seeks to:

- (1) Transco Interconnect Pipeline: construct approximately 6.2 miles of 30-inch diameter steel pipeline in new right-of-way ("ROW") extending north from the Company's existing natural gas transmission system located near Quantico, Virginia, and interconnecting with the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line ("Transco") via an interconnect station in Catlett, Virginia.
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- (5) Ladysmith Compressor Station Expansion: construct a compressor station by expanding the existing footprint of the existing Ladysmith Compressor Station in Caroline County, Virginia.
- (6) Gidley Compressor Station: construct a compressor station in the existing Gidley Gate Metering and Regulation Station located in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia.³

The Transco Interconnect Pipeline, Transco Interconnect Compressor Station, Quantico Parallel Pipe, Mechanicsville Parallel Pipe, Ladysmith Compressor Station Expansion, and Gidley Compressor Station are referred to collectively as the "Header Improvement Project" or "Project."

VNG identified a preferred route for the construction of the 6.2-mile Transco Interconnect Pipeline, primarily collocated with an existing electric and natural gas transmission

² Application at 2.

³ *Id.*

ROW and also identified routes for the Quantico Parallel Pipe and Mechanicsville Parallel Pipe along the existing Joint Use Pipeline and VNG Lateral ROWs. However, because existing ROW is inadequate to construct the proposed Project, VNG is seeking new permanent ROWs, as well as temporary ROWs, during construction.⁴

VNG's desired in-service date for the Project is December 31, 2022, which accommodates the projected in-service date of the C4GT facility (a 1,060 megawatt net nominal generating facility to be located in Charles City County, Virginia).⁵ VNG's current construction schedule requires 30 months for survey, design, permitting, obtaining easements and materials, construction, clearing, testing and commissioning.

The total estimated cost for the proposed Project is approximately \$345.9 million, which includes approximately \$202.4 million in pipeline-related costs and approximately \$143.5 million in compressor station-related costs (2019 dollars).⁶ VNG asserts that approximately 94% of the capital cost of the Project will be attributable to C4GT, Columbia Gas of Virginia ("CVA"), and Virginia Power Services Energy ("VPSE").⁷ The remaining 6% of costs will be attributable to VNG's customers through base rates.⁸

Specifically, VNG seeks to implement four new rate schedules to recover these costs: Rate Schedules HP-TRFT, HP-FT, HP-LFT, and HP-IT. VNG would offer new services that would be made possible by the Project through the proposed schedules. VNG also proposes

⁴ *Id.* at 5.

⁵ *Id.* at 3.

⁶ *Id.* at 4.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

Terms and Conditions related thereto.⁹ All customers (C4GT, VPSE, and CVA) acknowledged that the final costs associated with the Project are unlikely to be known at the date service commences, so VNG will commence billing on an estimated rate basis, subject to true-up, when final costs and improved estimates of actual operating expenses for the Project are known and available.¹⁰

HP-IT would be provided at the incremental operating cost associated with providing the service. A forward-looking estimated operating expense would be submitted to the Commission prior to the commencement of service of the Project. All customers taking service under Rate Schedules HP-TRFT, HP-FT, or HP-LFT would be eligible for interruptible service under this rate schedule.¹¹

As provided by Code § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2, the Commission and the State Water Control Board ("Board") must consult on wetland impacts prior to the siting of 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.¹² The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested the

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.* at 5.

¹² *In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the State Water Control Board and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2003-00114, 2003 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 474, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (July 30, 2003).

Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection at DEQ to provide a Wetland Impacts Consultation for the proposed Project.¹³

Pursuant to § 56-265.2:1 of the Code, the Commission must consider the effect of the proposed pipeline on the environment, public safety, and economic development in the Commonwealth and may establish such reasonably practical conditions as may be necessary to minimize any adverse environmental or public safety impact. 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.¹⁴

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; VNG should provide public notice of its Application; a public hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application; 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.

We also find that a Hearing Examiner should be assigned to rule on any discovery matters that may arise in this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2019-00207.

¹³ Letter from Alisson Klaiber, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated December 10, 2019, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2019-00207.

¹⁴ Letter from Alisson Klaiber, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated December 10, 2019, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2019-00207.

(2) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before Hearing Examiners*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on any discovery matters that may arise in this proceeding.

(3) A public hearing on the Application shall be convened on May 12, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony of public witnesses. 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. A public evidentiary hearing on the Application shall convene on May 13, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the same location, to receive the testimony and evidence offered by the Company, any respondents, and Staff.

(4) The Company shall make copies of the Application, as well as a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing, available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's business offices in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Lisa R. Crabtree, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means. Copies of the public version of all documents also shall be available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

(5) On or before February 4, 2020, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (6) to all owners, as of the date of this Order, of property within the route of the proposed Project, 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.*

(6) On or before February 4, 2020, the Company shall cause the following notice and the sketch map of the proposed route appearing on page 87 of the Appendix to the Application 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 AN APPLICATION BY
VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS, INC., FOR APPROVAL AND
CERTIFICATION OF NATURAL GAS FACILITIES (THE
HEADER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT), AND FOR APPROVAL
OF RATE SCHEDULES AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS
FOR PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
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ROWS, as well as temporary ROWs during construction. Route descriptions are provided below.

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Proposed Pipeline Route Descriptions

Transco Interconnect Pipeline

For this approximately 6.2-mile route, the natural gas pipeline corridor will begin at the existing VNG Quantico Compressor Station and run north in, or adjacent to, an existing electric transmission line ROW for the first 5,000 linear feet where the corridor crosses into Prince William County, Virginia. It continues north in, or adjacent to, the existing electric transmission line ROW for another 11,000 linear feet where it intersects

Warrenton Road (Route 606). From there, it continues northward almost in its entirety in the existing electric transmission line ROW until crossing the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. Then it turns west and then northwest as it crosses Nokesville Road and ends at the proposed tie-in point with the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC pipeline.

Transco Interconnect Compressor Station

Potential Site 1 for the Transco Interconnect Compressor Station is located at 13615 Nokesville Road in Nokesville, Virginia, which is in Prince William County. VNG will require approximately 25 acres for the footprint of the station and associated construction laydown and workspace areas and will acquire additional area reserved to provide a buffer from neighboring properties. The property is currently undeveloped and adjacent to the proposed Transco Interconnect Pipeline on the west side of the proposed alignment and is just south of Route 28 and east of Center Street.

Potential Site 2 for the Transco Interconnect Compressor Station is located at 14000 Nokesville Road in Nokesville, Virginia, which is in Prince William County. VNG will require approximately 25 acres for the footprint of the station and associated construction laydown and workspace areas and will acquire additional area reserved to provide a buffer from neighboring properties. The site is bounded by Route 28 on the south, to the west by Fauquier Drive and to the north by Reid Lane. The property is currently undeveloped.

Quantico Parallel Pipe

For this approximately 3.3-mile route, which parallels VNG's existing Joint Use Pipeline corridor, the natural gas pipeline corridor will begin at the tie-in point at the existing regulator station along Laws Ford Road. From this point, the corridor runs south, crossing Laws Ford Road and running alongside existing power lines for approximately 8,000 feet through agricultural land. Then the alignment crosses Sowego Road and continues south along the eastern side of the power lines for approximately 5,500 feet where it reaches Courthouse Road. Finally, the corridor continues south past Courthouse Road for approximately 4,000 feet where it terminates.

Mechanicsville Parallel Pipe

For this approximately 14.6-mile route, which parallels VNG's existing VNG Lateral corridor, the natural gas pipeline corridor will begin at approximately 2,200 feet to the northwest of the Interstate 295 crossing. At this point, the route continues northeast for approximately 600 feet to cross Interstate 295. Here the alignment travels southeast approximately 20,700 feet while crossing Cold Harbor Road and Swamp Lane. The route then turns east for about 1,000 feet and continues southeast for approximately 10,300 feet while running through wetlands. From this point, the corridor runs south for about 700 feet before turning east for approximately 2,500 feet. The alignment then continues south for approximately 2,300 feet before turning southwest for about 1,300 feet while crossing Interstate 64. At this point, the route continues south for approximately 2,500 feet while crossing Highway 60, then turns southeast for about 7,500 feet crossing White Oak Drive. Here the alignment travels south approximately 5,000 feet then turns southeast for approximately 600 feet to termination.

Ladysmith Compressor Station Expansion

The Ladysmith Compressor Station Expansion is proposed to be located on the existing Ladysmith Compressor Station site in Caroline County, Virginia. Specifically, VNG proposes to expand the existing VNG-owned compressor station site from 6.8 acres to 12.8 acres in total by pushing the southeast fence line approximately 460 feet to the southeast to accommodate the new compressor station. The site is located just west of I-95 and just east of US 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) north of Ceton.

Gidley Compressor Station

The Gidley Compressor Station is proposed to be located adjacent to the existing Gidley Gate Metering and Regulation ("M&R") Station in Chesapeake, Virginia. The compressor station site identified is located at 2512 South Military Highway, west of the existing Gidley Gate M&R Station. The proposed Gidley Compressor Station will encompass approximately 6 acres located on an existing ground lease.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on May 12, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public.

Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff. The Commission scheduled a public evidentiary hearing to be convened on May 13, 2020, at 10 a.m., in the same location, to receive the testimony and evidence offered by the Company, any respondents, and the Staff.

The Company's Application, other supporting materials, as well as the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the following locations:

Virginia Natural Gas
544 S. Independence Boulevard
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452
Attn: Front Desk Reception

Caroline County
233 W Broaddus Avenue
Bowling Green, VA 22427
Attn: Planning Department

Charles City County
10900 Courthouse Road
Charles City, Virginia 23030
Attn: County Administrator's Office

City of Chesapeake
306 Cedar Road - Sixth Floor
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322
Attn: City Manager's Office

Fauquier County
10 Hotel Street, Suite 204
Warrenton Virginia 20186
Attn: County Administrator's Office

Hanover County
7516 County Complex Road
Hanover, Virginia 23069
Attn: County Administrator's Office

New Kent County
12007 Courthouse Circle
New Kent, Virginia 23124
Attn: County Administrator's Office

Prince William County
9440 Innovation Dr.
Manassas, VA 20110
Attn: Brentsville District Office

Copies also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Lisa R. Crabtree, McGuire Woods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the Application and other documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before April 28, 2020, any interested person wishing to comment on the Company's Application shall file written comments on the Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before April 28, 2020, by following the instructions 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 such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00207

On or before March 3, 2020, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 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 Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2019-00207.

On or before March 17, 2020, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, 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. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address above. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 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-2019-00207.

All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address above.

VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS, INC.

(7) On or before February 4, 2020, 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 in which the Company provides service in the Commonwealth of Virginia: 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 by either personal delivery or first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(8) On or before February 11, 2020, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (6) and (7), including the name, title, and address of each official served, with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118.

(9) On or before February 11, 2020, the Applicants shall file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (8) a certificate of mailing of the notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering Paragraph (5). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Applicants shall maintain a record of this information.

(10) On or before April 28, 2020, any interested person may file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address shown in Ordering Paragraph (8). Any interested person desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before April 28, 2020, 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. PUR-2019-00207.

(11) On or before March 3, 2020, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (8). The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company at the address in Ordering Paragraph (4). Pursuant to Rule 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-2019-00207.

(12) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve upon each respondent a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing, a copy of the Application, and a copy of the public version of all materials filed by the Company with the Commission, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(13) On or before March 17, 2020, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (8) 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. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of such testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission. In all filings, the respondent shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, including 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-2019-00207.

(14) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before March 31, 2020, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of 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 VNG and all respondents.

(15) On or before April 14, 2020, VNG 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 one page; and (b) a summary not to exceed one page of each direct witness's testimony if not previously included therewith. The Company shall serve a copy of the testimony and exhibits 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 at the address set forth in Ordering Paragraph (8).

(16) All documents filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(17) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories 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, 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, or by facsimile, 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.¹⁵ Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(18) This matter is continued.

¹⁵ The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>, by clicking "Docket Search," and clicking "Search Cases," and entering the case number, PUR-2019-00207, in the appropriate box.

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AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to:
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Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219. A copy also shall be delivered to the Commission's
Office of General Counsel and Divisions of Public Utility Regulation and Utility Accounting and
Finance.