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APPLICATION OF

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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2021-00001

For approval and certification of
the Central Virginia Transmission Reliability
Project under Title 56 of the Code of Virginia

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On January 26, 2021, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval and certification to construct and operate electric transmission facilities in the City of Lynchburg and Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell, and Nelson Counties, Virginia ("Application"). APCo filed the Application pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.*

APCo seeks to: (i) build a new 11.1 mile long 138 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line from the Company's Joshua Falls Substation to its Riverville Substation (the "Joshua Falls-Riverville 138 kV transmission line"); (ii) build a new 6.3 mile long 138 kV transmission line from the Company's Riverville Substation to Central Virginia Electric Cooperative's Gladstone Substation (the "Riverville-Gladstone 138 kV transmission line");¹ (iii) build two new 138 kV substations and associated transmission line extensions (the James River 138 kV Substation and the Soapstone 138 kV Substation); (iv) expand and/or improve the Company's Riverville, Monroe, Amherst, Boxwood, Scottsville, Clifford and Joshua Falls Substations; (v) rebuild approximately

¹ Central Virginia Electric Cooperative has filed an application to rebuild facilities related to this project. *Application of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative, For approval and certification of electric facilities: Gladstone to Tower Hill 138kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project*, Case No. PUR-2021-00016, Application (filed February 3, 2021).

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12.2 miles of the Amherst-Reusens 69 kV transmission line; and (vi) install and/or upgrade other related transmission line, substation, telecommunication, and distribution facilities (collectively, the "Project").²

APCo states that the Project is necessary to maintain the structural integrity and reliability of its transmission system in compliance with mandatory North American Electric Reliability Corporation Reliability Standards.³ More specifically, the Company states that the Project will accommodate future growth in Amherst, Nelson and Albemarle Counties, mitigate thermal and voltage reliability criteria violations, and replace aging infrastructure that is at the end of its service life.⁴

The Company states that the desired in-service date for the Project is December 1, 2025.⁵ The Company represents that the estimated total cost of the Project is approximately \$147.7 million, which includes approximately \$95.1 million for transmission-related work and \$52.6 million for substation-related work.⁶

APCo asserts that the Project will require new right-of-way ("ROW") easements for the construction of the Joshua Falls-Riverville 138 kV transmission line and the Riverville-Gladstone 138 kV transmission line.⁷ The Project will also require some updated and supplemental ROW

² Application at 1-2.

³ *Id.* at xi, 2; Response to Guidelines at 1.

⁴ *See, e.g.*, Application at 2.

⁵ *Id.* at 4.

⁶ Response to Guidelines at 15-16.

⁷ Application at 2.

easements for the rebuild of the Amherst-Reusens 69 kV transmission line.⁸ APCo represents that, following extensive outreach, public input and analysis, the Company considered 25 possible substation sites for the two proposed new substations, and developed four alternative routes for the proposed Joshua Falls-Riverville 138 kV transmission line, and two alternative routes for the proposed Riverville-Gladstone 138 kV transmission line.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. The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested the Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection at the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") to provide a Wetland Impacts Consultation for the Project.¹⁰ Acting on behalf of the Board, the DEQ will prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Application, as indicated in the Code and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts.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. Consistent with the Code and with the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Coordination of Reviews of the

⁸ *Id.* at 2-3.

⁹ *Id.* at xii.

¹⁰ Letter from Alisson P. Klaiber, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated January 28, 2021, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2021-00001.

¹¹ *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).

Environmental Impacts of Proposed Electric Generating Plants and Associated Facilities (August 2002),¹² the Commission receives and considers reports on proposed 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.¹³

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Application and applicable statutes, finds that: this matter should be docketed; APCo should give notice of its Application to interested persons and the public; 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. 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 emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels.¹⁴ The Commission has taken certain actions, and may take

¹² *In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2002-00315, 2002 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 559, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (Aug. 14, 2002).

¹³ Letter from Alisson P. Klaiber, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated January 28, 2021, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2021-00001.

¹⁴ *See, e.g.*, Executive Order No. 51, Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, issued March 12, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam. *See also* Executive Order No. 53, Temporary Restrictions on Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-Essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), issued March 23, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam, and Executive Order No. 55, Temporary Stay at Home Order Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), issued March 30, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam. These and subsequent Executive Orders related to COVID-19 may be found at: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>.

additional actions going forward, that could impact the procedures in this proceeding.¹⁵

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

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2021-00001.

(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").¹⁶ 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. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, 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.¹⁷

¹⁵ See, e.g., *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic Service of Commission Orders*, Case No. CLK-2020-00004, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330035, Order Concerning Electronic Service of Commission Orders (Mar. 19, 2020), *extended by* Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel., State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00005, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330042, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (Mar. 19, 2020) ("Revised Operating Procedures Order"), *extended by* Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic service among parties during COVID-19 emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00007, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200410009, Order Requiring Electronic Service (Apr. 1, 2020).

¹⁶ 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

¹⁷ 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 not be processed for an indefinite period of time due to the COVID-19 emergency.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's 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.

(4) 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 conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission and to file a final report.

(5) Due to the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, the Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:

- A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m., on June 28, 2021, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom.¹⁸
- To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- On or before June 24, 2021, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.

¹⁸ The Commission will convene counsel of record in this proceeding to attend the public witness hearing virtually.

display advertising (not classified) on one occasion in newspapers of general circulation in the City of Lynchburg and Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell, and Nelson Counties, Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF
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PROJECT UNDER TITLE 56 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA
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Description of the Project

The Project includes the 11.1 mile Joshua Falls-Riverville 138 kV transmission line; the 6.3 mile Riverville-Gladstone 138 kV transmission line; the 12.2 mile Amherst-Reusens 69 kV Transmission Line rebuild; the new James River 138 kV Substation and 400 feet of new 138 kV double circuit transmission line; and the new Soapstone 138 kV Substation and 600 feet of new 138 kV double circuit transmission line.

The proposed route of the Joshua Falls-Riverville 138 kV transmission line begins at the Company's Joshua Falls Substation located near Mt. Athos Road in Campbell County, approximately five miles east of the City of Lynchburg, on the south side of the James River. The proposed route exits south from the Joshua Falls Substation for approximately one-third of a mile, turns east, and after approximately 1 mile enters Appomattox County. The route continues in an easterly direction generally paralleling the James River corridor for approximately 2.7 miles, avoiding Chestnut Mountain. The proposed route turns northeast and continues for approximately 1.5 miles, crossing Dreaming Creek Road and a large commercial timber tract located to the northwest and parallel to Route 611 (Trinity Road). The route turns north for approximately 0.9 mile, turns northeast and continues for approximately 2.2 miles generally to the north and parallel to Route

605 (Beckham Road), and crosses Route 623. The route continues for approximately 1 mile, turns north near the community of Beckham, continues for approximately 0.9 mile, crosses the James River at Christian Island into Amherst County, and continues for approximately 0.6 mile. The route enters the expanded Riverville Substation on the Grief Paper Mill complex located adjacent to the James River, near the community of Riverville, and south of Stapleton Road.

The proposed route of the Riverville-Gladstone 138 kV transmission line exits at the Riverville Substation, begins north on Grief Paper Mill property for approximately 1 mile and crosses Stapleton Road, continues north for approximately 0.2 mile, and crosses Riverville Road. The route continues for approximately 0.6 mile and turns northeast, continues for approximately 0.6 mile, crosses Old Galilee Road, continues for approximately 0.8 mile, and enters Nelson County. The proposed route continues northeasterly for approximately 0.8 mile parallel and to the north of Piedmont Road, turns east, continues for approximately 0.3 mile, and crosses Piedmont Road. The proposed route continues for approximately 2.0 mile parallel and to the south of US Hwy 60, crosses Hwy 60, and ends at a switch structure adjacent to Central Virginia Electric Cooperative's Gladstone Substation located on Hwy 60 near Spring Lane and the community of Five Forks.

The primary structure types for the Joshua Falls-Riverville-Gladstone 138 kV transmission lines will be a steel H-frame and three-pole structures. The average height will be approximately 70 feet with structure heights ranging between 55 and 100 feet. The two 138 kV lattice towers necessary to span the James River into Riverville Substation will have an average height of approximately 100 feet, with structure heights ranging between 80 and 120 feet. Additionally, approximately 1,000 feet of the existing Amherst-Riverville 138 kV transmission line will be relocated at the Riverville Substation. The primary structure type for the 138 kV relocation will be monopole with structure heights ranging between 80 and 110 feet, with an average height of 100 feet.

The Amherst-Reusens 69 kV transmission line rebuild is located on or near the existing transmission line right-of-way. The proposed route begins at the Company's Reusens Substation located in the northern portion of the City of Lynchburg and on the west side of the James River (200 Old Trents Ferry Road, Lynchburg, VA). The proposed route exits the Reusens Substation over the James River for approximately 0.1 mile, entering Amherst County, and continues for about 0.4 mile. On the east side of the James

River, the route turns north for approximately 0.1 mile, turns northeast, continues approximately 0.7 mile, crosses Route 685 (River Road), continues approximately 1 mile, spans State Highway 130 (Elon Road), continues approximately 0.8 mile, and crosses Winesap Road south of the community of Winesap. The proposed route continues approximately 1.1 miles, crosses South Amherst Highway south of Monroe, and enters Monroe Substation (3389 South Amherst Highway, Madison Heights, VA). The route exits Monroe Substation, continues approximately 0.7 mile, turns more northeasterly, and generally parallels Route 604 (S. Coolwell Road) for approximately 2 miles, and crosses Izaak Walton Road. The route spans US Hwy 29 after approximately 1.4 miles, continues for approximately 1.2 miles, crosses Ebenezer Road, generally parallels the south side of Ebenezer Road for approximately 2.7 miles, and enters Amherst Substation located adjacent and south of US Highway 60 (110 Substation Lane, Amherst, VA). The Project includes the proposed Amherst Extension 138 kV transmission line which is about 500 feet in length. It exits the Amherst Substation, parallels the northwest side of the Amherst Substation, spans US Highway 60, and connects to the existing Boxwood-Amherst-Riverville 138 kV transmission line. The Amherst Extension will use a single double circuit monopole structure ranging in height between 120 and 130 feet. Lastly, a minor relocation of approximately 1,500 feet of the Boxwood-Amherst-Riverville 138 kV transmission line is required northeast to southeast of the Amherst Substation. The relocation of the Boxwood-Amherst-Riverville 138 kV transmission line will use monopole structures with heights between 80 and 100 feet, averaging approximately 90 feet.

The primary structure type for the Amherst-Reusens 69 kV rebuild will be a steel H-frame structure. The average height will be approximately 65 feet with structure heights ranging between 50 and 90 feet. In comparison, the majority of the existing wood H-frame structures have an average height of approximately 50 feet. Additionally, to span the James River near Reusens Substation and existing lines, approximately three 69 kV/138 kV double circuit lattice towers will be necessary. The average height of those structures is approximately 150 feet, with structure heights ranging between 140 and 160 feet.

The proposed James River Substation and 400-foot-long transmission line are located on the Company's property in Nelson County, two miles south of Lovingston, Virginia on James River Road. One monopole double-circuit steel structure will be needed with an approximate height of 120 feet.

The proposed Soapstone Substation and 600-foot-long transmission line are located on the Company's property in Nelson County, approximately two miles south of the community of Schuyler, near Carter Road and Rockfish Crossing. Approximately three steel monopole structures will be needed with an approximate average height of 115 feet. The structure height range will be between 100 and 130 feet.

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.

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

A more complete description of the Project may be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter 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. 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. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, 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.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Application. On June 28, 2021, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On June 24, 2021, any person

desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by email 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 June 29, 2021, 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.

An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or njcoates@aep.com.

On or before June 24, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Application electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00001.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before May 11, 2021, a notice of participation. Notices of participation shall include the email addresses of the party or its counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the 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-2021-00001. 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.

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 Commission's 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 on the Commission's website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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(10) On or before March 23, 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 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.

(11) On or before April 20, 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, or by filing electronically at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling/.

(12) On or before April 20, 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

Commission's 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-2021-00001.

(17) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before June 1, 2021, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of testimony and exhibits, and each Staff witness' 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 June 15, 2021, APCo shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness' 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.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.

¹⁹ The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information, by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2021-00001, in the appropriate box.