## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

PETITION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00147

For approval of its 2024 RPS Development Plan under § 56-585.5 D 4 of the Code of Virginia and related requests

# ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193

(HB 1526) and 1194 (SB 851) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These duplicate Acts of Assembly, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act ("VCEA"), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, *inter alia*, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") program ("RPS Program") for Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or "Company") in § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subdivision D 4 of Code § 56-585.5 requires Dominion to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity ("RPS Filing"). The Commission must determine whether the RPS Filing is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 56-585.5, (ii) the promotion of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth, and associated economic development, and (iii) fuel savings projected to be achieved by the plan.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Code § 56-585.5 D 4. The final order regarding any RPS Filing is required by Code § 56-585.5 D 4 to be entered by the Commission not more than six months after the date of such filing.

On October 15, 2024, Dominion submitted its annual RPS Filing to the Commission ("2024 RPS Filing" or "Petition"). The 2024 RPS Filing requests that the Commission:<sup>2</sup>

- (i) Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, onshore wind, and energy storage resources ("RPS Development Plan") in connection with the mandatory RPS Program pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D 4;
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# RPS Development Plan

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See id. at Ex. 2 (2024 RPS Development Plan) pp. 3-11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id.* at Ex. 2 (2024 RPS Development Plan) pp. 11-12, 16-18, Attachment 11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Id. at Ex. 2 (2024 RPS Development Plan) p. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Establishing 2020 RPS Proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, Case No. PUR-2020-00134, 2021 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 242, 245, Final Order (Apr. 30, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Petition at Ex. 2 (2024 RPS Development Plan) p. 18, Attachment 11 at 17 n.9 (noting that "while nuclear small modular reactors do not generate [renewable energy certificates], the output from such facilities reduces the Company's RPS Program annual requirements").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Id.* at Ex. 2 (2024 RPS Development Plan) p. 16.

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### CE-5 Projects

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 7. Ex. 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Direct Testimony of Todd Flowers at 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Megawatts nominal alternating current ("MWac").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Petition at 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Direct Testimony of Todd Flowers at 13. For Clover Creek Solar, based on the scope of the interconnection facilities, the Company asserts these are ordinary extensions or improvements in the usual course of business under Code § 56-265.2 such that a CPCN is not required for the interconnection facilities. Petition at 10. For Hopewell Solar, it is the Company's position that a CPCN is not required for the interconnection facilities for this project because the facilities were subject to the local county's review and approval as part of the special use permit obtained for this project consistent with Code § 56-265.2 A 2, and do not require approval from the Commission. *Id.* 

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CE-5 Solar PPAs				
Waller Solar I	131	Lancaster	2027	
Prairie Solar	20	Isle of Wight	2025	
Potts Solar	20	Sussex	2026	
Poth Solar	20	Northumberland	2027	
Balwanz Solar	17.6	Westmoreland	2026	
Doyles Lake Solar	8.8	Brunswick	2026	
Ho-Fel Solar	40	Franklin	2026	
Carver Solar	91	Windsor, Isle of	2027	
		Wight		
Blue Rock Solar	100	Farmville	2026	
Caledon Solar	22	King George	2027	
Springfield Farm Solar	80	Hanover	2027	
CE-5 Solar + Storage PPAs				
White Solar + Storage	20 (solar)	Franklin	2027	
	7 (storage)			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id*. at 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Direct Testimony of Brian M. Keefer at 5-6.

Project	Size (MWac)	Locality	COD	
CE-5 Storage PPAs				
Yadkin Energy Storage	100	Chesapeake	2027	
New Road Storage	85	Loudoun	2026	
Hanover VA BESS 1	35	Hanover	2027	
Prospect Power Energy	150	Rockingham	2026	
Storage				
CE-5 Distributed Solar PPAs				
Kiddsville Rd	2.5	Augusta	2027	
Kings Hwy North	2.7	Keysville, Charlotte	2027	
King Hwy South	2.25	Keysville, Charlotte	2027	
Whitby Solar	1.66	Brunswick	2026	
PEVA15	2	Hurt	2026	
VAL035	3	Isle of Wight	2026	
VAL032a	1	Westmoreland	2026	
USS Staunton	2.97	Staunton	2027	

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Second, Dominion requests recovery through Rider CE of the costs of (a) the CE-5

Projects and related interconnection facilities; (b) the two CE-5 Distributed Solar Projects and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> *Id.* at 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Petition at 11.

related interconnection facilities; and (c) the CE-5 PPAs.<sup>20</sup> The CE-5 Projects and CE-5 PPAs are discussed in more detail above. The CE-5 Distributed Solar Projects consist of two distributed solar projects totaling approximately 6 MW and related interconnection facilities.<sup>21</sup> The name, size, locality, interconnection, and projected COD of the CE-5 Distributed Solar Projects are provided below:<sup>22</sup>

Project	Size (MWac)	Locality	Interconnection	COD	
CE-5 Distributed Solar Projects					
Alberta	3	Brunswick County	Distribution	2025	
Carysbrook	3	Fluvanna County	Distribution	2026	

The Company asserts that the CE-5 Distributed Solar Projects are needed to comply with the VCEA and to serve customers' capacity and energy needs.<sup>23</sup> According to the Company, the total estimated costs for the CE-5 Distributed Solar Projects are approximately \$27.7 million, excluding financing costs, or approximately \$4,619 per kW at the total 6 MW rating.<sup>24</sup>

The Company also requests recovery in the present case for costs associated with the development of the Peppertown Solar project presented in the Company's filing in Case No. PUR-2023-00142, which the Commission did not approve.<sup>25</sup> The Company asserts that the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> *Id.* The Petition states that pursuant to the exception for facilities with rated capacities of 5 MW or less in Rule 10 of the Commission's Filing Requirements in Support of Applications for Authority to Construct and Operate an Electric Generating Facility, the Company is not seeking CPCNs for the CE-5 Distributed Solar Projects, but asserts that it will comply with all requirements of federal, state, and local law, including any environmental permitting requirements. *Id.* at 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Direct Testimony of Todd Flowers at 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Petition at 11-12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Direct Testimony of Todd Flowers at 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Id. at 16-17. See Petition of Virginia Electric and Power Company, For approval of its 2023 RPS Development Plan under § 56-585.5 D 4 of the Code of Virginia and related requests, Case No. PUR-2023-00142, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 240360042, Final Order at 7-8 (Mar. 29, 2024).

limited development costs were reasonably and prudently incurred in order to develop sufficient detail on the project to allow for a thorough analysis and review by the Commission.<sup>26</sup>

Dominion proposes that, if approved, the Peppertown development costs would be recovered in the next RPS Development Plan proceeding as part of the 2024 calendar year true-up for Rider CE.<sup>27</sup>

Dominion asks the Commission to approve revised Rider CE for the rate year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026 ("Rate Year").<sup>28</sup> The Company is requesting a total revenue requirement of \$181,633,855 for Rider CE for the Rate Year.<sup>29</sup> If the proposed total 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 Dominion, implementation of its revised Rider CE on May 1, 2025, would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month by approximately \$0.79 when compared to the combined total residential rates in the current Rider CE.<sup>30</sup>

### Environmental Review

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 electric utility facilities that require a CPCN. Acting on behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") must prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Petition, as required by the Code

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Direct Testimony of Todd Flowers at 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Id.; Direct Testimony of Elizabeth B. Lecky at 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Petition at 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> *Id.* at 13.

<sup>30</sup> Id. at 14.

and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation

Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts

(July 2003).<sup>31</sup> The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested that the Office of Wetlands

& Stream Protection at DEQ provide the Wetland Impacts Consultation for the CE-5 Projects.<sup>32</sup>

As provided by Code §§ 10.1-1186.2:1 B and 56-46.1 A, the Commission and 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),<sup>33</sup> the Commission receives and considers reports on the proposed facilities from state environmental agencies. Staff has requested that DEQ coordinate an environmental review of the CE-5 Projects by the appropriate agencies and provide a report on the review.<sup>34</sup>

### Motion for Protective Order

Finally, in conjunction with the filing of its 2024 RPS Filing, on October 15, 2024, the Company filed the Motion of Virginia Electric and Power Company for Entry of a Protective Order and Additional Protective Treatment ("Motion for Protective Order") and a proposed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Letter from Andrew F. Major, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated October 18, 2024, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2024-00147.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Letter from Andrew F. Major, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated October 18, 2024, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2024-00147.

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 Dominion should provide public notice of its Petition; a hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses and testimony and evidence on the Petition; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Petition or to participate as respondents in this proceeding; and Staff should be directed to investigate the Petition and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon.

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.

Lastly, the Commission finds that a Hearing Examiner should be assigned to rule on any discovery matters, including the Company's Motion for Protective Order, and any motions *pro hac vice* that arise during the course of this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) 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>35</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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq.

pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

- (2) 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.
- (3) As provided by Code § 12.1-31 and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on any discovery matters, including the Company's Motion for Protective Order, and any motions *pro hac vice* that arise during the course of this proceeding. A copy of each such 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>36</sup>
- (4) The Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition, as follows:
  - (a) A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on February 18, 2025.
  - (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
  - (c) On or before February 11, 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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Such electronic copies shall be sent to: OHEParalegals@scc.virginia.gov.

- 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.
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- (6) An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Elaine S. Ryan, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <a href="mailto:eryan@mcguirewoods.com">eryan@mcguirewoods.com</a>. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.
- (7) On or before November 25, 2024, the Company shall cause the following notice, together with a copy of the "Map for Publication" for the CE-5 Projects contained in the project summaries in Schedules 1 and 2 of the Direct Testimony of Todd Flowers, 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:

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Interested persons are encouraged to review Dominion's Petition and supporting documents in full for details about the Company's proposals in this case.

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

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on Dominion's Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on February 18, 2025. On or before February 11, 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 February 18, 2025, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On February 18, 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 Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, 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.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Elaine S. Ryan, Esquire, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or <a href="mailto:eryan@mcguirewoods.com">eryan@mcguirewoods.com</a>. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the public version of the Petition and other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information">scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</a>.

On or before February 11, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <a href="mailto:scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments">scc.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-2024-00147.

On or before December 13, 2024, 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 sec.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 at the address listed 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-2024-00147. 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 7, 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. All testimony and exhibits shall be served on the Staff, the Company, 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-2024-00147.

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 Company's Petition, 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>.

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- (8) The Company shall serve each official listed in 20 VAC 5-204-10 J 1 as provided by 20 VAC 5-204-10 J 2.
- (9) On or before December 9, 2024, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8), 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>.
- (10) On or before February 11, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition 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-2024-00147.

- (11) On or before December 13, 2024, 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="sec.virginia.gov/clk/efiling">sec.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 (10). 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-2024-00147.
- (12) 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 public version of the Petition and supporting materials, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.
- (13) On or before January 7, 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 (10). 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 Company, 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-2024-00147.

- (14) The Staff shall investigate the Petition. On or before January 21, 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 Company and all respondents.
- (15) On or before February 4, 2025, 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. Additionally, the Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony on DEQ by email to bettina.rayfield@deq.virginia.gov.
- (16) 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 (1), 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 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 five (5) business 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>37</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*.

(18) 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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</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-2024-00147, in the appropriate box.