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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00105

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: Fentress-Yadkin 500 kV Line #588 Rebuild and New 500 kV Fentress-Yadkin Line #5005

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

October 15, 2024

On June 13, 2024, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval and certification of electric transmission facilities including a rebuild of Line #588, the construction of the proposed Fentress-Yadkin Line #5005, and the substation-related work at the Fentress and Yadkin Substations.

On July 15, 2024, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Hearing wherein, among other things, the Commission assigned this matter to a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter and to file a final report; scheduled a public witness hearing for November 15, 2024; scheduled an evidentiary hearing to convene at the conclusion of the public witness hearing; required the Company to publish notice of the Application on or before August 14, 2024; provided any person or entity the opportunity to participate as a respondent by filing of a notice of participation on or before September 13, 2024; directed Staff of the Commission ("Staff") to investigate the Application and file its testimony and exhibits concerning the Application on or before October 18, 2024; and directed the Company to file rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, on or before November 1, 2024.

On October 10, 2024, the Company filed Virginia Electric and Power Company's Unopposed Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule with Request for Expedited Treatment. The Motion explained that PJM Interconnection L.L.C.'s ("PJM") analysis with respect to the Application's proposed construction of Line #5005 will not be published until December 17, 2024. To provide Staff the opportunity to review PJM's published analysis, and for those reports to be included in the evidentiary record for this case, the Motion presented uncontested revisions to the procedural schedule, as follows:³

¹ Motion at 3.

² The Staff has represented support for the Motion. *Id.* at 4.

³ Motion at 3-4.

- November 15, 2024: continue with public witness portion of the hearing only;
- <u>January 6, 2025</u>: new deadline for Staff testimony and exhibits concerning its investigation of the Application;
- <u>January 13, 2025</u>: new deadline for the Company's rebuttal testimony and exhibits; and
- January 22, 2025: new hearing date for the evidentiary portion of the hearing.

I find that the Motion should be granted. Accordingly, IT IS DIRECTED THAT:

- 1. The Company's uncontested Motion is granted.
- 2. The scheduled hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Application shall remain scheduled for November 15, 2024, at 10 a.m.
- 3. On or before January 6, 2025, the Staff shall investigate the Application and file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Application, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy thereof shall be served on counsel to the Company and all respondents.
- 4. On or before January 13, 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, all respondents, and DEQ.
- 5. The evidentiary portion of the hearing shall be convened at 10 a.m., on January 22, 2025, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff.

C. Mitch Burton Jr.

Hearing Examiner

The Clerk of the Commission is requested to send a copy of this Ruling to all persons on the official Service List. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, 1300 East Main Street, First Floor, Tyler Building, Richmond, VA 23219.