

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00032

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: 500-230 kV Aspen Substation, 500 kV Aspen-Goose Creek Line #5002, 500 kV and 230 kV Aspen-Golden Lines #5001 and #2333, 500-230 kV Golden Substation, and Lines #2081/#2150 Loop

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00044

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities: 230 kV Apollo-Twin Creeks Lines, and Twin Creeks, Sycolin Creek, Starlight, Lunar, and Apollo Substations

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

September 11, 2024

On March 7, 2024, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion") filed the Aspen-Golden Application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"). The Commission docketed the Aspen-Golden Application as Case No. PUR-2024-00032.

On March 27, 2024, Dominion filed the Apollo-Twin Creeks Application with the Commission. The Commission docketed the Apollo-Twin Creeks Application as Case No. PUR-2024-00044.

On April 17, 2024, the Commission issued an Order for Notice and Hearing in which, among other things, it combined the procedural schedules of Case Nos. PUR-2024-00032 and PUR-2024-00044 "[t]o the extent practicable, for all purposes including discovery, pre-filed testimony, and hearing dates[;]"¹ and appointed a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in the Combined Cases. By Hearing Examiner's Ruling of May 15, 2024 ("May 15th Ruling"), certain procedural deadlines initially established by the Commission for the Combined Cases were modified. Among other things, the May 15th Ruling postponed to September 18, 2024, the portion of the hearing wherein Dominion, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff"), and respondents will be afforded an opportunity to provide evidence concerning the Combined Cases.

The following have filed a notice of participation in one or both of the Combined Cases: Lansdowne Conservancy; Theresa Ghiorzi; Loudoun County, Virginia ("Loudoun County");

¹ Order for Notice and Hearing at 11, ¶ 4. Case Nos. PUR-2024-00032 and PUR-2024-00044 are referred to as the "Combined Cases."

JK Land Holdings, LLC; NA Dulles Real Estate Investor, LLC; Leesburg Pike Community Church; Visa U.S.A. Inc.; Loudoun County Sanitation Authority; Philadelphia-Baltimore-Washington Laborers' District Council; Piedmont Environmental Council; and Allan Myers VA, Inc.

Upon consideration of the approaching hearing date² for receiving the evidence of Dominion, respondents, and Staff, I conclude that case participants should be aware of details related to the hearing and should provide certain exhibits during the hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED THAT:

1. Should any party or Staff desire post-hearing briefs, the party or Staff shall be prepared to request such, and proffer its reasons therefor, at the start of the hearing on September 18, 2024. Given the Company's request for final orders in each of the Combined Cases by October 28, 2024, it is the Hearing Examiner's intention to have closing arguments on the Combined Cases in lieu of post-hearing briefs.

2. Dominion shall prepare, and present during the hearing, an exhibit with a map illustrating the Company's proposed Aspen-Golden and Apollo-Twin Creeks Lines, the approximately 8.5-mile underground Aspen-Golden Route developed by Black & Veatch for the Company, and Loudoun County's proposed Underground Hybrid Project Proposal for a three-mile portion of the Aspen-Golden Lines.³ This exhibit also shall indicate all respondent properties adjacent to these routes,⁴ Inova Loudoun Hospital, Lansdowne scenic easement and Belmont historic viewshed easement (if possible) and the following resources: African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont, Belmont Chapel and Cemetery, Belmont Manor, Cooke's Mill, Janelia/Howard Hughes Research Center, and the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Historic District. To the extent Dominion's preparation of this exhibit requires input from Loudoun County regarding its proposal, Dominion shall consult with Loudoun County.

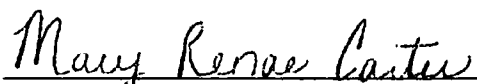
3. Dominion shall prepare and present, during the hearing, an exhibit with a chart reporting the following information for each 230 kilovolt or higher line the Company has placed underground in its service territory, and for the transmission line approved in Commission Case No. PUE-2016-00021: the Commission case number in which the line was approved; identification/name of the line; reason for undergrounding; the line's voltage and length; type of

² The Commission has reserved the Commission's courtroom for September 18, 19, and 20, in which to hold that portion of the hearing on the Combined Cases for the receipt of evidence from Dominion, respondents, and Staff. Everyone should plan for the hearing to continue into September 19, and possibly September 20, if the hearing is not completed on September 18.

³ For purposes of this map, depict Dominion's preferred Aspen-Golden Route 1AA and variations (1AB, 1BA, and 1BB), the approximately 8.5-mile route discussed in Section 4 of the "Northern Virginia Underground Option Feasibility Aspen to Golden," Rebuttal Schedule 1 to the pre-filed rebuttal testimony of Company Witness Shane A. Moulton (filed Sept. 4, 2024), and the Underground Hybrid Project Proposal discussed in the pre-filed testimony of Loudoun County Witness Brian A. Conroy (filed Aug. 15, 2024). Include transition stations at the beginning/end of each underground line depicted and any other transition stations needed to serve existing load. The Company, at its option, may depict potential substation sites for additional load.

⁴ See Aspen-Golden Staff Report (filed Aug. 21, 2024) at Attachment 8.

construction (such as trenching or boring); type of cable used (such as high-pressure fluid-filled or cross-linked polyethylene); whether any portion of the line was placed in diabase bedrock; the dates on which construction began and on which the line went into service; and a comparison of the transmission project's (i) estimated overhead cost, (ii) estimated underground cost, and (iii) actual underground cost.⁵


M. Renae Carter
Senior Hearing Examiner

The Clerk of the Commission is requested to send a copy of this Ruling to all persons on the official Service Lists in Case Nos. PUR-2024-00032 and PUR-2024-00044. The Service Lists are available from the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, 1300 East Main Street, First Floor, Tyler Building, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

⁵ Underground transmission project costs shall include the costs of the line and related infrastructure such as transition stations. If the transmission line is a hybrid overhead/underground line, provide the above-described cost information for the entire project and separately for the underground portion if available.