## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2024-00024

For a 2024 biennial review of its base rates, terms and conditions pursuant to § 56-585.8 of the Code of Virginia

## **HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING**

## August 8, 2024

On March 29, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to § 56-585.8 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") for a biennial review of the Company's rates, terms and conditions for the provision of generation and distribution services.

On April 25, 2024, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Hearing in which, among other things, the Commission: (i) scheduled a telephonic hearing for September 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. to receive the testimony of public witnesses; (ii) scheduled an in-person public evidentiary hearing for September 10, 2024, at 10 a.m.; (iii) directed the Company to provide notice to the public; (iv) provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application; and (v) appointed a Hearing Examiner to rule on any discovery matters or *pro hac vice* motions that may arise during the course of this proceeding.

On August 7, 2024, APCo filed a Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* ("Motion"). Timothy E. Biller, Esquire, of Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP and a member of the Virginia State Bar, moved the admission *pro hac vice* of Christen M. Blend, Esquire, to practice before the Commission in the captioned proceeding. Mr. Biller stated Ms. Blend is an Associate General Counsel for American Electric Power Service Corporation whose office is located at 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215. He stated Ms. Blend is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Ohio. Mr. Biller further represented Ms. Blend will abide by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and will conduct herself as other attorneys admitted to practice before the Commission.

I am of the opinion, and find, the Motion should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED THAT Christen M. Blend, Esquire, is hereby admitted *pro hac vice* in the instant proceeding.

Bryan D. Stogdale 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.