

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF

**VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
d/b/a DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER**

CASE NO. PUE-2012-00029

**For approval and certification of electric facilities:
Surry-Skiffes Creek 500 kV Transmission Line,
Skiffes Creek-Wheaton 230 kV Transmission Line, and
Skiffes Creek 500 kV-230 kV-115 kV Switching Station**

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

January 30, 2013

On June 11, 2012, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion Power" or the "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an Application for Approval and Certification of Electric Facilities: Surry-Skiffes Creek 500 kV Transmission Line, Skiffes Creek-Wheaton 230 kV Transmission Line, and Skiffes Creek 500 kV-230 kV-115 kV Switching Station ("Application"). The Application included an Appendix, the prefiled direct testimony of six Company witnesses, and a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") Supplement.

On January 17, 2013, a ruling was entered scheduling a prehearing conference for January 24, 2013, to discuss, among other things, whether the Company should be required to provide additional information as part of its Application. On January 23, 2013, the prehearing conference was rescheduled for January 30, 2013.

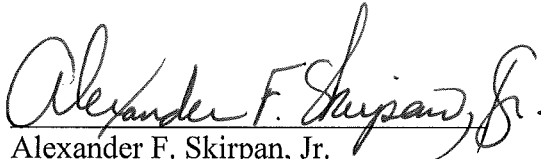
On January 29, 2013, Dominion Power filed its motion For Leave to Extend Procedural Schedule in Order to Conduct Studies Requested by Staff and Request for Expedited Treatment ("Motion"). The Company advised that it was able to reach agreement with Staff on a specific list of additional studies for the Company to conduct as part of its Application in this proceeding. The Company provided a matrix of the additional studies as Exhibit A to its Motion. Dominion Power estimated that the additional studies would require 38 days to complete, including approximately 700 hours of computer modeling run time. To accommodate the additional time required to conduct the additional studies, Dominion Power requested that the date for the filing of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits be extended from February 7, 2013, to March 7, 2013, and that the beginning date for the evidentiary hearing be extended from February 26, 2013, to March 26, 2013.

On January 30, 2013, the prehearing conference was held as scheduled. Stephen H. Watts, II, Esquire; Vishwa B. Link, Esquire; Lisa S. Booth, Esquire; and Charlotte P. McAfee, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Dominion Power. Andrew McRoberts, Esquire, and M. Ann Neil Cosby, Esquire, appeared on behalf of James City County. B. Randolph Boyd, Esquire, appeared on behalf of Charles City County. David O. Ledbetter appeared *pro se*. Michael J. Quinan, Esquire appeared on behalf of BASF Corporation. Patrick A. Cushing, Esquire, appeared on behalf of U.S. Home Corporation d/b/a Lennar. Wayne N. Smith, Esquire, and D. Mathias Roussy, Jr., Esquire, appeared on behalf of Staff.

During the prehearing conference, Dominion Power's proposed additional studies as outlined on Exhibit A to the Motion were discussed, as well as recommended additional studies proposed by James City County witness Waine P. Whittier. Based on those discussions, I find that in order for the Commission to verify the load flow modeling, contingency analyses, and reliability needs Dominion Virginia Power presented to justify the proposed new line, updates to the Company's load flow analyses should be performed as proposed in the Motion and outlined in the matrix attached as Exhibit A to the Motion, with two exceptions. The first exception is that the pre-projects, listed in footnote 7 of Exhibit A to the Motion, should be included in the base case and included in each study rather than only in studies modeling one of the proposed projects. The second exception is that James City County witness Whittier's proposed rebuild of Lines 214 and 263 should be modeled as a separate 230 kV Alternative C to be produced for studies that model 230 kV Alternative A and 230 kV Alternative B, which are shown on Exhibit A to the Motion as Revised Study Nos. 6, 7, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 22. In addition, in order to provide the time required for the additional studies, and based on the agreement of the participants of the prehearing conference, I find that the date for the filing of the Company's rebuttal testimony and exhibits should be extended from February 7, 2013, to March 14, 2013, and that the beginning date for the evidentiary hearing should be extended from February 26, 2013, to April 9, 2013. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED THAT:

- (1) The public hearings scheduled to commence on February 26, 2013, are hereby rescheduled to begin on April 9, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in a Commission courtroom;
- (2) The date for the filing of the Company's rebuttal testimony and exhibits is hereby extended from February 7, 2013, to March 14, 2013; and
- (3) The Company shall file copies of the results of the additional studies provided for above as part of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits on March 14, 2013. The Company shall provide an electronic copy of its model inputs and results to Staff and James City County. Other respondents may request electronic copies of the model inputs and results.


Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.
Senior Hearing Examiner

A copy hereof shall be sent 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, 1300 East Main Street, First Floor, Tyler Building, Richmond, VA 23219.