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Dear Mr. Soapes:

I am writing in response to your letter addressed to Thomas Farrell dated July 24, 2014. I appreciate you taking the time to write and allowing us the opportunity to respond to your questions and concerns about Dominion Virginia Power's (Dominion) proposed transmission system solution to current and projected local reliability needs in City of Alexandria and Arlington.

Dominion's communication with stakeholders such as homeowners associations (HOAs) and civic organizations is critical to successfully develop a project that not only resolves local reliability needs, but also reasonably minimizes impacts. For the project under consideration, we have carefully studied and identified the electrical needs requiring resolution and confirmed those needs with our regional transmission operator, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM). But, simply stated, we are very early in the process of developing the specifics associated with the resolution of these needs. The development process depends on community outreach with stakeholders such as the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, HOAs and civic associations, the National Park Service and others.

As was presented to NOTICE by Dominion representatives at the meeting on July 21, 2014, the need for expansion of the 230 kV electric transmission system in the area is based on forecasted local reliability concerns.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has designated the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) as the governing body which establishes and enforces reliability standards for the bulk power system. NERC Reliability Standards establish minimum criteria with which all public utilities must comply. Our planning engineers continuously study the electrical grid and have identified contingent events that violate NERC standards, i.e. loss of electric transmission facilities, which create overloads, locally, which, if unaddressed, would hamper our ability to continue to provide reliable power to our neighbors in the City of Alexandria and Arlington. We propose to utilize transmission infrastructure to transport energy into the immediate area coincident with when local load is projected to trigger violations of these federally-mandated reliability criteria by summer (June 1) of 2018.

Dominion expects to seek public input and State Corporation Commission of Virginia (Commission) approval of a transmission route solving the identified needs and meeting applicable state routing requirements for new transmission facilities.

You and others have asked about the options we presented to PJM that led to the Glebe – Station C proposed project. The project team is updating its outreach presentation to include that information. I will ensure you have that update.

When it comes to actual project approval, a comprehensive approval process is initiated with the filing of an application for certification and Commission approval. Generally, this application is the first compilation of detailed information responsive to your questions about the need for and alternatives to the project currently under consideration, which is prepared in consideration of the public outreach that occurs in advance of filing. We currently anticipate filing the application by the end of 2014 or early 2015 as engineering and stakeholder communications dictate. Regarding the Commission approval process, I recommend Dominion's Pleasant View-Hamilton 230 kV transmission project in Case No. PUE-2005-00018 for your review. The Commission website provides a search function for cases dating back to 2002 at the following URL: <http://docket.scc.virginia.gov/vaprod/main.asp>.

Dominion's project team has set up a website for this proposed project at <https://www.dom.com/about/electric-transmission/glebe>. This website will continue to feature updates and details on the proposed solution, and a complete copy of the Commission application when filed. In addition, Dominion's outreach team will provide both hard copy and electronic updates to neighbors and stakeholders as we approach milestones in the process.

For your convenience, I've also included a copy of our Transmission Approval Process chart which illustrates the various points where community members can become involved.

Indirectly, this project also offers two additional benefits. By interconnecting this proposed line with Pepco, we are establishing an additional regional interconnection to the grid – strengthening our ability to provide safe, reliable power to the City of Alexandria, Arlington County and support critical infrastructure in the National Capital Region.

Additionally, you may be familiar with FERC Order 1000, which encourages more regional and interregional transmission planning between utilities in order to determine the most efficient and cost-effective solutions to resolve reliability and load issues. Again, while this project is proposed to resolve an identified local reliability issue, we are able to strengthen regional reliability in the capital region with this proposed interconnection.

Dominion Virginia Power is committed to providing safe and reliable power to its customers, and in doing so is equally committed to being a good partner and good neighbor as we introduce new infrastructure.

For specific questions you may have about this project, please call 1-888-291-0190 or send an email to powerline@dom.com.

Sincerely,



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