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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUR-2026-00050

For approval and certification of electric
transmission facilities:
Charlottesville-Gordonsville
230 kV Rebuild Project

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING SCHEDULING LOCAL HEARING

August 27, 2026

On April 23, 2026, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for approval and certification of electric transmission facilities in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia.¹

On June 2, 2026, the Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment, which docketed the Application; directed Dominion to provide notice of its Application; provided any interested persons an opportunity to file comments or request a hearing on the Company's Application; and directed the Commission's Staff ("Staff") to investigate the Application and file a report containing Staff's findings and recommendations. The Order for Notice and Comment also, among other things, appointed a Hearing Examiner to rule on any discovery matters that arise in this proceeding.

On June 2, 2026, the Historic Keswick Properties ("Keswick Respondents") filed a Notice of Participation and a Motion to Stay. On June 9, 2026, the Keswick Respondents filed a Request for Hearing and Amended Procedural Schedule.²

On July 1, 2026, after receiving pleadings on the Motion to Stay, the Commission issued an Order, which found that a hearing should be held on the Application, among other procedural directives. The Order also broadened the Hearing Examiner's assignment, to conduct all further proceedings, including ruling on the Motion to Stay, and file a final report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations.

On July 7, 2026, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle ("Albemarle Board") filed a Notice of Participation and a Request for a Local Hearing and for Public Inspection of Transcripts ("Local Hearing Request"). In support of its request for a local hearing, the Albemarle Board cited § 56-46.1 (C) of the Code of Virginia, which states, in part, as follows:

If, prior to such approval, written requests therefor are received
from the governing body of any county or municipality through

¹ This Ruling does not include a comprehensive summary of all filings and rulings in this case.

² The Keswick Respondents are, collectively, East Belmont Farm, LLC; Castalia-Cismont Investment, LLC; Route 231 LLC; Clover Hill, LLC; Broomfield Inc.; Peter Taylor; and Jaffray Woodruff.

which the line is proposed to be built or from 20 or more interested parties, the Commission shall hold at least one hearing in the area that would be affected by construction of the line, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposal.

Several Charlottesville and Albemarle County residents have also submitted public comments that included requests for a local hearing in this matter.

On July 17, 2026, after further pleadings and oral argument, a Hearing Examiner's Ruling denied the Motion to Stay. This Ruling also explained that separate subsequent rulings would be issued to (1) schedule a public hearing in Richmond, and to establish other procedures consistent with the Commission's July 1, 2026 Order; and (2) schedule a local hearing, as requested by the Albemarle Board.³

On July 21, 2026, a Hearing Examiner's Ruling directed Dominion to provide further notice of its Application and established a procedural schedule that included, among other things, a telephonic public witness hearing to convene on November 10, 2026, and a public hearing for the parties and Staff to present their evidence and argument to convene on December 2, 2026, in the Commission's courtroom in Richmond.

Having now identified and contracted for a suitable facility in the area of the proposed transmission facilities,⁴ I find it appropriate to schedule a local public hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony.

Accordingly, **IT IS DIRECTED THAT:**

(1) A local public witness hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026, commencing at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 10:00 p.m. (or earlier if all registered public witnesses have completed their testimonies), in Charlottesville City Council Chambers, at City Hall, 2nd Floor, 605 E. Main Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902; and

(2) Any person desiring to testify as a public witness in this matter should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled hearing and register to testify with the Commission's Bailiff. To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted no more than five minutes to provide testimony.

³ July 17, 2026 Hearing Examiner's Ruling at 9-10.

⁴ Most of the relevant commenters and the Albemarle Board expressed a preference for a local hearing in Albemarle County. During the past month, Commission personnel have worked to identify, and contract for, a facility in Albemarle County or the City of Charlottesville that can accommodate the Commission's needs for conducting a local public witness hearing. While the Albemarle Board's Local Hearing Request offered to host such hearing at a mutually convenient time at its office building within the City limits, I note that the Albemarle Board has intervened as a party in this case, and the Commission must be mindful of the independence with which it must conduct these proceedings. Selection of Charlottesville City Hall also allowed more time for local public witness testimony than other locations in Albemarle County, which appears prudent given the interest in this case expressed in public comments.

/s/ Matt Roussy

D. Mathias Roussy, Jr.
Chief Hearing Examiner

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