

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

JOINT APPLICATION OF

**VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A
DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER,
and
TRANS-ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE LINE COMPANY**

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CASE NO. PUE-2007-00031

**For certificates of public convenience
and necessity to construct facilities:
500 kV Transmission Line from Transmission
Line # 580 to Loudoun Substation**

APPLICATION OF

**TRANS-ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE
LINE COMPANY**

CASE NO. PUE-2007-00033

**For certificates of public convenience
and necessity to construct facilities:
500 kV Transmission Line from Virginia-West Virginia
Boundary to Virginia Electric and Power Company
Transmission Line # 580**

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

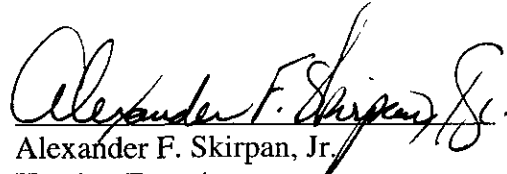
June 9, 2008

On April 19, 2007, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion") filed on its own behalf and on behalf of Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company ("TrAILCo") the Application for Approval and Certification of Meadow Brook-Loudoun 500 kV Transmission Line Project, Application No. 233 ("Dominion Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"). Also on April 19, 2007, TrAILCo filed its Application for Approval and Certification of Electric Facilities for the Construction of 500 kV Transmission Line ("TrAILCo Application"). On June 1, 2007, the Commission issued its Order for Notice and Hearing in which it determined that the two applications would remain as two separate cases, but ordered a joint hearing on the applications. In addition, among other things, the Order for Notice and Hearing provided a schedule for public hearings and appointed a hearing examiner to conduct further proceedings on behalf of the Commission. The evidentiary hearings for these matters concluded on March 18, 2008.

On May 16, 2008, respondents Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County, Board of Supervisors of Prince William County, Piedmont Environmental Council ("Piedmont"), Power-line Landowners Alliance, and Virginia's Commitment (jointly, "Joint Respondents") filed their Motion to Lodge Results of Recent Reliability Pricing Model (RPM) Auction or in the Alternate

to Reopen the Record to Accept Those RPM Auction Results into Evidence (“Motion”). On June 6, 2008, Dominion and TrAILCo filed a joint Response and Motion to Strike (“Response”), in which they opposed the Motion and asked that portions of the post-hearing briefs of Piedmont and Virginia’s Commitment based upon the May 2008 RPM auction be stricken. In their Response, Dominion and TrAILCo contended that it “would be fundamentally unfair to the other participants without reopening the hearing to hear additional evidence and argument from all parties”¹ Dominion and TrAILCo illustrate this by referring to other outside-the-record information that supports the need for the line.

Based on the pleadings, I find that the record should be reopened and a hearing convened to receive testimony and argument related to the May 2008 RPM and the latest information available regarding the need for the proposed transmission line. Therefore, a telephonic prehearing conference is hereby scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2008. The dial-in number for the conference is 866-842-5779, and the passcode is 8043719406.


Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.
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.

¹ Response at 2.