October 16, 2014

Dear Mr. Nestlerode,

Thank you for your letter in response to the administrative notice for comment related to Dominion’s upcoming State Corporation Commission (SCC) filing for the proposed electric transmission line between our Glebe Substation and Pepco’s Potomac River Substation. I very much appreciate the commitment and engagement of the City’s Transmission Line and Substation Working Group (Working Group) in our community and public outreach process.

The project team continues to provide project details to City staff and the community via live presentation(s) and mail/e-mail updates. We are driven by an identified overload to existing electrical infrastructure in Alexandria and Arlington which will limit Dominion’s ability to continue to provide sustained, reliable power to you and your community beyond the summer of 2018. As a public utility, not giving timely attention to this deficiency would be irresponsible.

As you are aware, representatives from PJM, the independent, regional transmission planning organization and an objective, neutral party, have confirmed the critical need for the project and have presented their findings to the Working Group. Further, representatives from PJM attended Dominion’s informational open house on October 1st where they answered questions on the need for the project from the community. More information about PJM, lines forecasted for overload and general need can be found on the project’s webpage at www.dom.com, keyword: Glebe.

I assure you that our team continues to work diligently to respond to all requests for information. There are, however, certain types of information, deemed Critical Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII), that can’t responsibly be shared without violating industry and federal government requirements.

Finally and to clarify, Dominion’s SCC filing is only the beginning of a very public process. As is noted in the attachment entitled, The Transmission Line Approval Process, there are many opportunities for the community and the public to be involved in the discourse for SCC approval. The SCC application process provides ample time and opportunities for the City (and the Working Group) to actively participate in the assessment of the need for the project, to include technical documentation, and alternatives.

We understand the apprehension with construction impacts of this project. Please know that we strive to be good neighbors. Our team is dedicated to developing a solution that both responds to local reliability issues and which reasonably mitigates impacts.

Sincerely,

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