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RE: Informational Request Related to Proposed Dominion Virginia Power 230 kV
Infrastructure between the Dominion Power Four Mile Run Substation in Arlington and
the PEPCO Switching Station at the NRG Facility in Alexandria

Dear Mr. Hathaway and Ms. Tompkins Johnson:

This is being written as follow up to several recent meetings and prior correspondence between the City and Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) regarding the proposed Dominion 230 kV line in the City of Alexandria.

At these meetings, and in the prior correspondence, the City has requested that Dominion assist in the City review of the proposed 230 kV infrastructure to ensure a timely and coordinated review of the proposal.

First, as previously articulated by the City, Dominion needs to provide a detailed explanation as to the need for the project. To date, the City and community have been told the project is to resolve reliability issues in our area. The City is again requesting copies of any reports prepared by Dominion, including any information PJM has shared with you on the need.

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Second, the City has previously requested information regarding what options were evaluated to address the reliability issue of the 230 kV line that Dominion now is proposing. What options were studied, and what are the costs? It is our understanding that Dominion has prepared such a report, and the City is again requesting a copy.

We must emphasize that until our staff and community understands what options were considered, it will be extremely difficult for the City and community to process consideration of Dominion's request.

Third, if the proposed 230 KV line connection is constructed between the Four Mile Run substation facility and the PEPCO switching station at NRG, all potential alignments need to be carefully analyzed to evaluate potential opportunities and challenges for each alternative. We are recommending that, as part of the analysis of the planned infrastructure, all viable alternatives be considered and evaluated as part of an Alternatives Analysis Report.

While we do not have a recommended route for the 230kv line between the Four Mile Run substation in Arlington and the NRG parking lot site, we have previously suggested a number of underground/underwater alignments that Dominion should seriously consider:

- Potomac River / Four Mile Run ;
- George Washington Memorial Parkway (which already has underground electrical lines running from the PEPCO substation north into Arlington);
- Norfolk Southern spur and CSX main line tracks; and
- Abandoned Old Dominion Railroad right-of-way

Fourth, when the power generating plant adjacent to the PEPCO transmission station closed, the City saw this as a unique opportunity to redevelop this property in a creative way that benefited the residents of this area and took full advantage of the site's riverfront location. We understood that the PEPCO transmission station was likely to stay on the property but could be improved and potentially consolidated so as to minimize its visual impact. Although the PEPCO station takes up approximately three acres of the property, we believed that significant, creative development could occur around that PEPCO transmission station. The new proposal by Dominion will take most of the existing parking lot, virtually doubling the area committed to electric transmission facilities. This means that twenty to twenty five percent of the land will not be available for redevelopment or public use, significantly diminishing the value of that land and potentially doing nothing to enhance to appearance of the property that sits adjacent to the George Washington Memorial Parkway and a high-rise residential condominium. It also greatly diminishes the possibility that the City of Alexandria can fully realize the benefits of innovative reuse of this riverfront property. What other alternatives have been considered that do not involve the expansion of the substation footprint? Were other station locations investigated? Was the District of Columbia side of the Potomac River considered for this new transmission station?

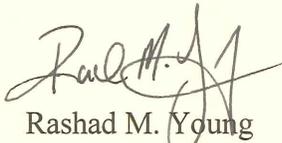
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Fifth, as part of the overall project analysis, as indicated to Dominion by City staff, an EMF evaluation needs to be performed for this project.

While we appreciate Dominion's ongoing discussion of the proposed expansion of infrastructure with City staff, the reasonable information requests outlined above, which have been previously articulated by the City to Dominion, need to be met by Dominion in an expeditious manner to enable the City to better understand the need, options, timing, potential alignment alternatives and potential mitigation to be evaluated. To delay responding to the City further, it seems will inevitably lead to avoidable misunderstandings and project delays. We would like to avoid that.

If you have questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me or William Skrabak, Deputy Director, Infrastructure & Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES).

Sincerely,



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