City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

MEMORANDUM TO INDUSTRY NO. 2019-06

DATE: APRIL 1, 2019

TO: DEVELOPERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS

FROM: HEATHER DIEZ, PE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES H.D.

SUBJECT: ELECTRICAL VAULTS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

In accordance with Dominion Energy's long-standing policy prohibiting the installation of electrical vaults in the public right of way, the City of Alexandria is issuing this Memo to Industry. The City reiterates its standard condition stating the same for plans during the development review process. Locating vaults outside of the right of way promotes better accessibility for maintenance by allowing the landowner and Dominion Energy to coordinate directly. Additionally, placement outside the right of way precludes possible facility relocation costs paid by property owners due to future right of way conflicts.

All projects approved by City Council prior to December 2018 are considered grandfathered projects and, if the site plan was approved through public hearing with the transformer vault in the right of way, the transformer vault may be placed as shown on approved plans. All plans yet to be approved by City Council shall comply with this memo.