

**JOINT APPLICATION OF**

**VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A  
DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER,**

**and**

**TRANS-ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE LINE COMPANY**

**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 12, 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 (“RPM Motion”). On June 5, 2008, Virginia’s Commitment filed a Motion to Reopen the Record to Accept the Results of a Study Conducted by PJM at the Request of the Maryland Public Service Commission (“Maryland PSC”) and to Allow for Limited Written Discovery (“Maryland Motion”). On June 6, 2008, Dominion and TrAILCo (jointly, “Applicants”) filed a joint Response and Motion to Strike (“RPM 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. A Hearing Examiner’s Ruling dated June 9, 2008, found that the record should be reopened and scheduled a telephonic prehearing conference for June 11, 2008. On June 10, 2008, Joint Respondents filed their Reply in Support of and to Supplement Virginia’s Commitment’s Motion to Reopen the Record (“Maryland Supplement”), in which the Joint Respondents asked that the May 21, 2008, PJM presentation to the Maryland PSC be admitted to the record, limited discovery be permitted, and judicial notice be taken of the transcript of PJM witness Kormos’ presentation and testimony before the commissioners of the Maryland PSC.

On June 11, 2008, the telephonic prehearing conference was held as scheduled. Based on the pleadings and discussions during the prehearing conference, I find that a hearing should be scheduled for June 30, 2008, to receive the results of the May 2008 RPM auction and to receive the results of load flow analyses incorporating the May 2008 RPM auction. Specifically, the Applicants are directed to present the results of PJM’s load deliverability and generator deliverability tests, and Dominion’s reliability test on load flow analyses incorporating the following assumptions:

- For 2011 – generation resources based on generation resources that cleared the May 2008 RPM auction; and assume the proposed 502 Junction – Loudoun line is not built.
- For 2011 – generation resources based on generation resources that cleared the May 2008 RPM auction; and assume the proposed 502 Junction – Loudoun line is built as scheduled.
- For 2011 – generation resources based on generation resources that cleared the May 2008 RPM auction plus existing generation that bid, but did not clear the May 2008 RPM auction; and assume the proposed 502 Junction – Loudoun line is not built.
- For 2011 – generation resources based on generation resources that cleared the May 2008 RPM auction plus existing generation that bid, but did not clear the May 2008 RPM auction; and assume the proposed 502 Junction – Loudoun line is built as scheduled.
- For 2012 – generation resources based on generation resources that cleared the May 2008 RPM auction; and assume the proposed 502 Junction – Loudoun line and the Amos – Kemptown line are not built.
- For 2012 – generation resources based on generation resources that cleared the May 2008 RPM auction; and assume the proposed 502 Junction – Loudoun line is not built, but that the Amos – Kemptown line is built as scheduled.

- For 2012 – generation resources based on generation resources that cleared the May 2008 RPM auction plus existing generation that bid, but did not clear the May 2008 RPM auction, plus anticipated other changes in generation resources for 2012; and assume the proposed 502 Junction – Loudoun line is not built, but that the Amos – Kempton line is built as scheduled.

The Applicants, Staff, and other parties may present analyses based on other assumptions. With these updated load flow analyses, I find that the May 21, 2008, PJM presentation to the Maryland PSC would be duplicative of the record developed in these cases. Therefore, the Maryland Motion is hereby denied. Accordingly,

**IT IS DIRECTED THAT:**

- (1) An evidentiary hearing shall commence on June 30, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in a Commission courtroom;
- (2) On or before June 18, 2008, Applicants shall file an original and fifteen copies of the results of their updated analyses provided for above, along with a schedule of changes in generation from the load flow analysis that forms the basis of Exhibit No. 139. Applicants shall also provide an electronic copy of their model inputs to Staff and Joint Respondents. Applicants, Staff, and Joint Respondents are encouraged to handle any questions regarding data informally via direct communication;
- (3) On or before June 25, 2008, Staff and Joint Respondents may file an original and fifteen copies of the results of their updated analyses provided for above, along with a schedule of changes in generation from the load flow analyses filed by the Applicants pursuant to this ruling. Staff and Joint Respondents shall also provide an electronic copy of their model inputs to the Applicants. Applicants, Staff, and Joint Respondents are encouraged to handle any questions regarding data informally via direct communication; and
- (4) Oral arguments regarding the evidence received during the June 30, 2008, hearing will be held at the conclusion of the hearing on June 30, 2008.

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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.