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Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
Dobbs Building
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: *Docket No. E-22, Sub 590*
Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirement

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceedings on behalf of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (the "Company"), is its *Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirement*. The Company was unable to notarize its verification attached to this petition, but will file a notarized copy of the verification as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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Enclosures

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 590

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric)
Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor)
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.2 and)
NCUC Rule R-55)

PETITION FOR WAIVER OF
NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

NOW COMES Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (“DENC” or the “Company”), through counsel, and pursuant to Rule R1-5 of the Rules and Regulations of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”), hereby submits this Petition for Waiver (“Petition”) of the notice requirements in the Commission’s September 14, 2020 *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* (“Procedural Order”). Specifically, the Company requests that the Commission (1) waive the notice requirements in Ordering Paragraph 5 of its Procedural Order; (2) permit individuals to register with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, in order to testify at the hearing; (3) leave the record in this proceeding open after the November 17, 2020 hearing date and allow for comment through December 22, 2020, and; (4) approve the attached amended notice in Appendix A (“Amended Notice”) by Wednesday October 28, 2020, for publication.

In support of this Request, the Company states as follows:

1. On August 11, 2020, the Company filed in the above-captioned docket its Application to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor as well as the information and workpapers required by Rule R8-55 (“Application”).

2. On August 19, 2020, the Company filed an errata filing to correct an incomplete schedule on Company Witness George G. Beasley’s Exhibit GGB-1, Schedule 4.

3. On September 14, 2020 the Commission issued its Procedural Order. In relevant part, Ordering Paragraph 5 required the Company to publish the notice attached to the Procedural Order (“Notice”) “in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in its service area once a week for two successive weeks beginning at least 35 days prior to the hearing.” The Procedural Order also stated that only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

4. The hearing in this proceeding is scheduled to begin on November 17, 2020, and pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 5 the Company has already completed circulation of the Notice.

5. Subsequent to filing the Application, the Company has been in communication with the Public Staff regarding recently discovered errors in Witness Beasley’s testimony. These errors were a result of technical issues in fully capturing all kilowatt hour (“kWh”) sales and an inadvertent switch of energy expansion factors between two classes.

6. As a result, the Company and Public Staff have determined that the overall reduction in fuel recovery should be \$15,715,160 instead of the reduction of \$15,418,104 forecasted in the Application.

7. This overall reduction in fuel recovery results in the following changes for each class compared to the rates in the Notice.

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Notice (decrease in cents per kWh)</u>	<u>Amended Notice (decrease in cents per kWh)</u>
Residential	0.395	0.389
SGS & PA	0.393	0.387
LGS	0.390	0.384
Schedule NS	0.355	0.372
6VP	0.407	0.378
Outdoor Lighting	0.395	0.389
Traffic	0.395	0.389

8. Pursuant to discussions with the Public Staff, the Company will re-notice its amended fuel rates by class to reflect these changes from what was originally noticed/proposed.

9. As a result, because there are currently less than 35 days before the hearing, the Company is unable to comply with the notice requirements in Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Procedural Order and hereby requests a waiver of such notice requirements. The Company proposes that the Commission leave the record in this proceeding open and allow for comment through December 22, 2020, 35 days after the hearing date to give interested customers adequate opportunity to provide comments on

the proposed rates. The Company believes there is no harm in publishing the Amended Notice less than 35 days before the hearing because the extended time for public comment allows any interested party adequate time to submit comments for the Commission's consideration. While the Company does not anticipate that any comments would be submitted during the extended record timeframe, keeping the record open as proposed is appropriate out of an abundance of caution.

10. For the reasons discussed above and in the interest of efficiency, the Company is not requesting that the current hearing date of November 17, 2020 be postponed, as this is the consolidated hearing date for the two other Company riders currently pending before the Commission in Docket Nos. E-22, Sub 588 (Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards cost recovery rider) and E-22, Sub 589 (Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency cost recovery rider). Instead, leaving the record in this proceeding open through December 22, 2020 will allow ample time for interested parties to file comments for the Commission's consideration after the Amended Notice is published.

11. Moreover, the Company requests that the Commission approve the attached Amended Notice for circulation in the Company's service territory consistent with the requirements of Ordering Paragraph 5 of the Procedural Order. The Company requests approval of the Amended Notice by Wednesday, October 28, 2020, in order for the Company to begin publication on Sunday, November 1, 2020. If published on November 1, 2020, then the two-week publication requirement will be complete ahead of the November 17, 2020 hearing date. The Amended Notice is identical to the notice in Appendix A of the Procedural Order with the exception of the price per kWh for the

classes, the overall change in reduction in fuel rates, the extended deadline for members of the public to register to testify, and the approval date.

12. If the Commission approves the Amended Notice by Wednesday, October 28, 2020, the second required publication of notice will occur, by November 12, 2020.

As noted above, currently members of the public who wish to testify at the hearing must register with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020. In order to allow more time between the second publication of notice for individuals to register to testify, the Company asks that the Commission extend the time permitted for such registration to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020.

13. Contemporaneous with this Petition, the Company is also filing the errata testimony and exhibits of Witness Beasley in the above-captioned docket to support these changes.

14. The Company has shared the Petition with counsel for the Public Staff and has been authorized to represent that the Public Staff does not oppose the Petition.

WHEREFORE, Dominion Energy North Carolina respectfully requests that by Wednesday October 28, 2020, the Commission (1) waive the notice requirements in Ordering Paragraph 5 of its Procedural Order; (2) leave the proceeding open and allow for comment through December 22, 2020, (3) extend the time permitted for such registration to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020 and; (4) approve the attached Appendix A for publication for the reasons set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted, this the 23rd day of October, 2020.

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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In the Matter of
Application by Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North)
Carolina Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and) PUBLIC NOTICE
Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and)
Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for Electric)
Utilities)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing on an annual fuel and fuel-related charge adjustment proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The public hearing is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held remotely via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify during the hearing must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff via email at DENCPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 866-380-9816. When registering, provide your name, docket number (E-22, Sub 590), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered with the Public Staff by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020, will be allowed to testify at the hearing.

DENC filed an application and testimony relative to the subject matter of this proceeding on August 11, 2020. According to its application, DENC is requesting a total annual fuel revenue decrease of approximately \$15.7 million from the fuel and fuel-related costs currently in effect. Further, DENC proposes to make the fuel revenue decrease effective for service on and after February 1, 2021.

DENC's proposed fuel revenue decrease, including regulatory fee, would result in the following decreases for DENC's customers: 0.389 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for residential, outdoor lighting and traffic lighting customers; 0.387 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.384 cents per kWh for large general service customers; 0.372 cents per kWh for rate schedule NS customers; and 0.378 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. The net effect of this request would decrease the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity by \$3.89.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DENC's application is available on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, October 26, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, October 26, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

VERIFICATION

NCUC Docket No. E-22, Sub 590

I, Greg Morgan, General Manager, Regulatory Affairs, for Dominion Energy Services, do solemnly swear that the facts stated in the foregoing *Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirements*, insofar as they relate to Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Greg Morgan

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
) to wit:
City of Richmond)

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and acknowledged before me this ____ day of October, 2020.

Notary Public

My registration number is _____ and my commission expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition for Waiver of Notice Requirement, as filed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 590, was served via electronic delivery or mailed, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 23rd day of October, 2020.

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