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#### **VIA Electronic Filing**

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission **Dobbs Building** 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5918

> Re: Docket No. E-100, Sub 165

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina ("DENC" or the "Company"), encloses for filing its DENC Integrated Distribution Planning Presentation, which the Company will present at the North Carolina Utilities Commission Technical Conference to be held in this docket on March 9, 2021.

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

/s/Andrea R. Kells

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

Lucy Edmondson, Public Staff—North Carolina Utilities Commission cc: Layla Cummings, Public Staff—North Carolina Utilities Commission Nadia L. Luhr, Public Staff—North Carolina Utilities Commission

## **Integrated Distribution Planning**



# NCUC Technical Conference

Docket No. E-100, Sub 165

#### **Robert Wright**

Asset Management March 9, 2021

## **Introduction to Integrated Distribution Planning ("IDP")**



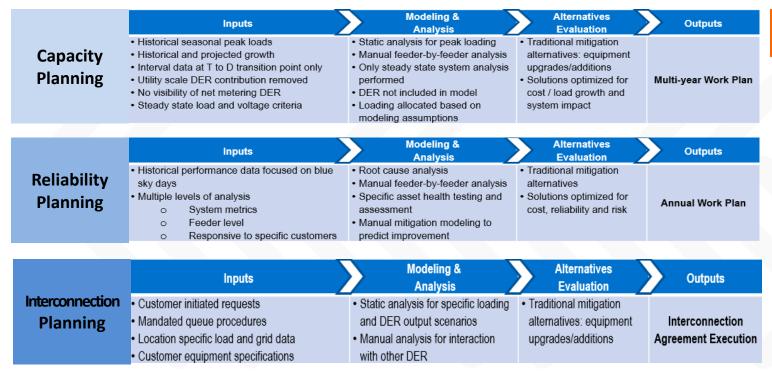
Significant growth in DER in recent years Fundamental changes to how the grid operates

New planning processes, tools and skills

New challenges and new opportunities



### **Legacy Distribution Planning**



#### **CHALLENGES:**

- Separate processes and groups
- Limited data inputs for limited scenario analysis
- Focused on deterministic conclusions
- Does not consider new solution options



#### **Integrated Distribution Planning Process**

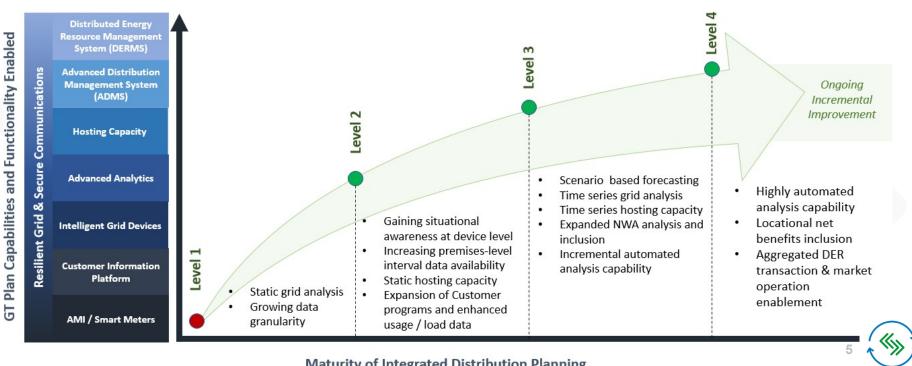
#### Modeling & **Alternatives Final Plan** Inputs **Evaluation Analysis** Feeder load forecast scenarios (time series) • Reliance on engineering models based on · Traditional Grid Solutions 10 Year Distribution a high level of data granularity • DER & DSM Opportunities DER & emerging tech growth forecast scenarios Forecast and · Additional planning inputs: (hosting capacity, AMI & IGD Automated generation of time series Grid Transformation Investment Roadmap load and voltage data, all DER output data, feeder analysis and holistic solutions **Projects** · Inclusion of Non-Wire Alternatives characteristics (EAM data), performance metrics, etc. · Optimization of alternatives · Engineering model build and framework for scenario (Storage, Advanced Inverter Functionality, over time Transmission and based analysis DSM, etc.) **Generation System** Network assessment (Static and Time Series Analysis) · Inclusion of locational value of resources Planning Impacts · Reliability assessment Planning criteria

#### **BENEFITS:**

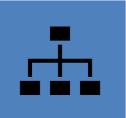
- Holistic view of grid
- More granular data and analysis
- Probabilistic assessments
- Non-wire alternative (NWA) solutions



## **Evolving to Integrated Distribution Planning**



## Making Progress: Organizational and Tool Changes



#### Planning group reorganization

- · Shift to holistic planning
- Centralized modeling and data analysis team



#### Planning tool development

- Participating in EPRI's "ADAPT" project
  - Time series forecasting and analysis over 10-year window
  - NWA technical and economic evaluation
  - Optimal investment path identification



#### Advanced forecasting capabilities and data analytics

- Ongoing modernization of legacy tools
- RFI development underway to assess advanced forecasting tool ontions



## Making Progress: NWA and Microgrid Pilots



#### **Battery Storage Pilot Projects**

- BESS-1 to study the prevention of solar back-feed onto the transmission grid
- BESS-2 to study transformer peak load reduction

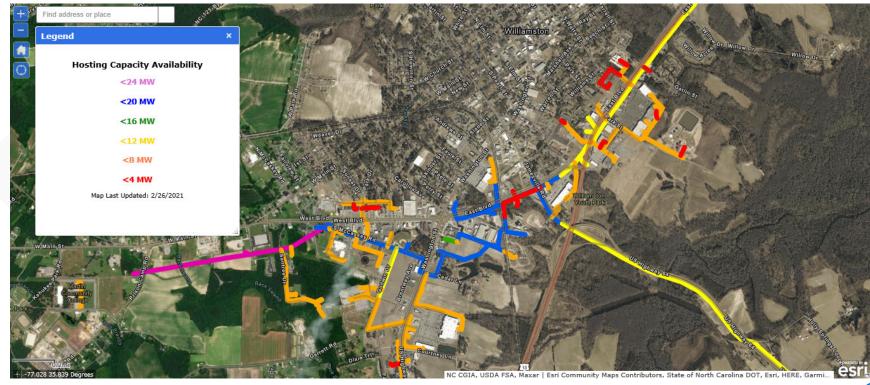


#### **Locks Campus Microgrid**

- Located at the Company's new Locks Campus in Petersburg, Virginia
- Interconnected loads and various DER types able to operate when connected to the utility grid and able to operate as an "island" during outages

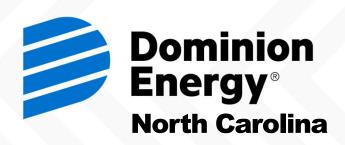


## Making Progress: Hosting Capacity Tool



www.DominionEnergy.com/HostingCapacity

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Thank You

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing <u>DENC Integrated Distribution</u>

<u>Planning Presentation</u> filed in Docket No. E-100, Sub 165 was served electronically or via U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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