

RESOLUTION #2016-010



A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSEMENT PERFORMED BY THE INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AND STAFF REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power (“DVP”), filed an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (“SCC”), case no. PUE-2015-00107 (“Application”), for approval and issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate electric facilities for a 115 kV transmission line conversion, a new Haymarket 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line, and a new 230-34.5kV Haymarket Substation (“Haymarket Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Haymarket (“Town”) previously expressed concern that the Haymarket Project does not serve a public need, but instead serves the need of a single customer, and accordingly, the Town requested the SCC to obtain an independent assessment of the Application;

WHEREAS, the SCC retained the services of Mid Atlantic Environmental LLC (“MAE”), an environmental engineering firm, to review and evaluate the DVP proposed routes and alternatives in the Application; and

WHEREAS, both MAE’s independent report and the Commission’s own Staff Report find that the Haymarket Project does not serve a public need, and instead is needed to provide service to a single customer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Haymarket, meeting in special session this 14th day of June, 2016, that the council hereby supports the findings and conclusions of the independent consultant and the Commission Staff that the Haymarket Project does not serve a public need and instead is needed to provide service to a single customer; that in such a case, the cost allocation rules would require such a customer to have sole responsibility for the costs associated with a line extension to service its needs; and further that the I-66 Hybrid Alternative Route has the least negative impact and is the preferred route, all more specifically as follows:

1. Supports the findings and conclusions in the prefiled testimony of June 2, 2016 on behalf of the SCC staff, by Neil Joshipura, Utilities Engineer in the Division of Energy Regulation (employed by the SCC), sponsoring the Commission Staff Report on the Application, which states that, “[T]he Project is needed to provide service to a new customer, rather than to enhance overall system reliability, and the Staff notes that without the request for service to the Haymarket Campus, the project would not be needed.” (Page 22, lines 19-21.)
2. Supports the further finding and conclusion in the Commission Staff Report that, “If the Commission determines that the Project is essentially a line extension to service the Customer and subject to Section XXII, then cost allocation and recovery for the Project would follow in accordance with Section XXII” whereby the new customer would have sole responsibility for the costs associated with the line extension to the Haymarket campus.
3. Supports the finding and conclusion in the testimony of Wayne D. McCoy, President of MAE, prefiled on June 2, 2016, summarizing MAE’s findings and conclusions in its report entitled, “Report to the Virginia State Corporation Commission on the Environmental Aspects of the Proposed Dominion Virginia Power Haymarket 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line and 230-34.5 kV Haymarket Substation,” which states, “We find that the I-66 Hybrid Alternative Route

offers the least impact to the project area,” and, further, that it is consistent with testimony provided to the SCC by concerned residents and elected officials during local hearings.

4. Supports the further finding and conclusion in the independent assessment by MAE that states, “Based upon MAE’s analysis, in order to mitigate the visual and natural resource impact of the transmission line, recommend the I-66 Hybrid Alternative as the preferred route.”

Done this 14th day of June, 2016

Motioned By: Aitken
Seconded By: Caudle

Ayes: Morris, Edwards, Woods, Caudle, Pasanello, Aitken
Nays: None

ATTEST:



Jennifer Preli, Town Clerk