STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 562 DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 566

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Virginia Electric and Power)
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North) MOTION TO EXCUSE
Carolina, for Adjustment of Rates and) WITNESS
Charges Applicable to Electric Service in)
North Carolina)

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission, by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers (the Public Staff), and respectfully request the Commission to issue and order in the above-captioned docket excusing Public Staff witness Tommy C. Williamson from testifying at the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding scheduled to begin on September 23, 2019.

In support of this motion, the Public Staff shows the following:

- On February 27, 2019, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a
 Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) filed a Notice of Intent to
 File a General Rate Application.
- On March 29, 2019, DENC filed an application in Docket No. E-22, Sub 562, for a general rate increase, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 and Commission Rule R1-17, along with direct testimony and exhibits of its witnesses, including witnesses McGuire and Petrie.

- 3. On May 2, 2019, the Commission issued its order Consolidating Dockets, which consolidated this general rate case with DENC's pending petition for deferral accounting authority to defer post-inservice costs associated with commercial operations of the Greensville Power Station in Docket No. E-22, Sub 566.
- On May 30, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Intervention and Testimony Due Dates and Discovery Deadlines and Requiring Public Notice.
- 5. On August 5, 2019, DENC filed supplemental direct testimony.
- On August 23, 2019, the Public Staff filed testimony and exhibits, including those of witnesses Tommy C. Williamson.
- 7. On September 16, 2019, DENC filed a witness list with estimates for cross-examination time for each witness ("Witness List").
- 8. On September 17, 2019, DENC filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Partial Settlement with the Public Staff ("Stipulation"), settling many of the issues raised throughout the proceeding and waiving cross examination of certain witnesses by the respective parties. On the same day, DENC and the Public Staff filed testimony and exhibits in support of the Stipulation.
- 9. On September 18, 2019, the Public Staff filed supplemental testimony revising an adjustment to unsettled issues.

 Counsel for DENC, Nucor Steel-Hertford, the Attorney General's Office, and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I have not opposed this filing.

THEREFORE, the Public Staff respectfully requests that the Commission excuse Tommy Williamson from appearing at the hearing beginning on September 23, 2019, unless the Commission has questions for the witness.

Respectfully submitted this the 19th day of September, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing MOTION on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 19th day of September, 2019.

Electronically submitted /s/ Heather D. Fennell