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#### **VIA Electronic Filing**

Ms. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission **Dobbs Building** 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

> Re: Joint Motion to Conduct Evidentiary Hearing by Remote Means and to

Excuse Witnesses

Docket No. E-22, Sub 605

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceedings is the *Joint Motion Conduct* Evidentiary Hearing by Remote Means and to Excuse Witnesses on behalf of Virginia Electric Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,	
/s/Mary Lynne Grigg	

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Enclosure

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 605

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application by Virginia Electric and Power	)	
Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North	)	JOINT MOTION TO CONDUCT
Carolina, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2	)	EVIDENTIARY HEARING BY
and Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel	)	REMOTE MEANS AND TO
and Fuel-Related Costs Adjustments for	)	<b>EXCUSE WITNESSES</b>
Electric Utilities	)	

NOW COMES Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a o Dominion Energy North Carolina ("DENC" or the "Company"), and the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") hereby jointly file, pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rule R1-7, this joint motion to conduct the evidentiary hearing by remote means on this matter to be held in Raleigh on Tuesday, November 22, 2021, which is scheduled to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 603 and 604, in Commission Hearing Room 2115.

In addition, DENC, and the Public Staff hereby jointly move the Commission to issue an order in the above-captioned docket excusing all witnesses from appearing at the evidentiary hearing scheduled in this proceeding. In support of these motions, DENC and Public Staff respectfully show the following:

1. This proceeding began with the filing of an Application requesting for a change in fuel component of electric rates on August 10, 2021. The Company's Application was supported by the direct testimonies of Jeffrey D. Matzen, Ronnie T. Campbell, Dale E. Hinson, Tom A. Brookmire, and Timothy Stuller.

- 2. By Order dated August 23, 2021, the Commission scheduled the matter for public witness hearings to begin on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, to begin immediately following the hearings in Docket Nos. E-22, Subs 603 and 604.
- 3. On August 24, 2021, the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I ("CIGFUR I) filed a petition to intervene. The Commission granted the petition on September 3, 2021.
- 4. On September 1, 2021, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. ("CUCA") filed a petition to intervene. The Commission granted the petition on September 3, 2021.
- 5. On September 9, 2021, Nucor Steel-Hertford ("Nucor") filed a petition to intervene. The Commission granted the petition on September 10, 2021.
- 6. By Order dated October 14, 2021, the Commission rescheduled the hearings for expert witness portions of the hearings to Monday, November 22, 2021, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- 7. On October 27, 2021, DENC filed an Affidavit of Publication as proof of publications notifying all of its customers with notice of the scheduled public hearings.
- 8. On October 28, 2021, DENC filed a Petition to Modify Test Period, and the supplemental testimonies of Ronnie T. Campbell, Dale E. Hinson, Jeffrey D. Matzen, and Timothy P. Stuller.
- 9. On November 5, 2021, Public Staff filed the testimony of Evan D. Lawrence and the joint testimony of Michael C. Maness and June Chiu.
- 10. On November 12, 2021, DENC filed a Letter in Lieu of Rebuttal Testimony stating that in light of the Public Staff's testimony and recommendations, and the fact that the

other intervenors did not file testimony, the Company was not filing rebuttal testimony in this proceeding.

- 11. Since there are no contested issues in this case, DENC and the Public Staff request that the Commission excuse all witnesses in this proceeding.
- 12. Further, should the Commission deem it appropriate, DENC and Public Staff would support the decision to conduct the evidentiary hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 22, 2021, remotely via Webex.
- 13. Counsel for CUCA and NUCOR have stated that they waived cross-examination of all witnesses and consented to the evidentiary hearing being conducted remotely.

WHEREFORE, Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, and the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, respectfully requests that the Commission, should it deem it appropriate, conduct the hearing scheduled for November 22, 2021, remotely via Webex, and to excuse all witnesses in this proceeding, and grant any further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

# Respectfully submitted, this the 15th day of November, 2021

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing <u>Joint Motion to Conduct Evidentiary</u>

<u>Hearing by Remote Means and to Excuse Witnesses</u>, as filed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 605, was served electronically or via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

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