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

*Re: Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider Under N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67  
Docket No. E-22, Sub 674*

Dear Ms. Dunston:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina and the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission is their Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses and Cancel Evidentiary Hearing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Nicholas A. Dantonio

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 674

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, for Approval of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Cost Recovery Rider Under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.8 and Commission Rule R8-67	) JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESSES AND CANCEL EVIDENTIARY HEARING

NOW COME Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (“DENC”) and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Public Staff”) and, together, respectfully request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”) issue an order in the above-captioned docket excusing DENC’s and the Public Staff’s witnesses from appearing at the evidentiary hearing scheduled in this proceeding for November 28, 2023, and to cancel the evidentiary hearing.

In support of this Motion, DENC and the Public Staff show as follows:

1. On August 15, 2023, DENC filed its Application for Approval to recover the Company’s Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Compliance and related Costs (“Application”) along with the pre-filed testimony of George H. Hitch, Justin A. Wooldridge, and Jessica N. Chargois in support of the Application.
2. On August 23, 2023, Carolina Utility Customers Association, Inc. (“CUCA”) filed a Petition to Intervene. The Commission granted the Petition on August 28, 2023.

3. On August 25, 2023, Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I (“CIGFUR I”) filed a Petition to Intervene. The Commission granted the Petition on August 28, 2023.

4. On September 7, 2023, the Commission issued its *Amended Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice* (“Scheduling Order”).

5. On November 7, 2023, the Public Staff filed the Notice of Affidavits and Affidavit of Darrus K. Cofield and the Notice of Affidavit and Affidavit of Jay B. Lucas.

6. No other party filed testimony in the proceeding.

7. The Company filed its Affidavit of Publication as directed by the Scheduling Order on November 9, 2023.

8. On November 16, 2023, DENC filed a Letter in Lieu of Rebuttal Testimony.

9. A review of the pre-filed testimony of DENC and the Public Staff indicates that no conflicting positions exist between the Public Staff and DENC, and these parties agree on the Company’s Rider RP and Rider RPE rates, as set forth in their respective testimony and affidavits.

10. DENC and the Public Staff have reached agreement on all issues, and each agrees to waive cross-examination of the other party’s witnesses. As such, DENC and the Public Staff request that their respective witnesses be excused from appearing at the hearing scheduled for November 28, 2023 pursuant to the Scheduling Order, unless the Commission has questions for them, and that the evidentiary hearing be canceled.

11. Counsel for CIGFUR I and C U C A have also agreed to waive

cross-examination of DENC and the Public Staff's witnesses and has indicated that it does not object to this motion to excuse.

Therefore, DENC and the Public Staff respectfully move:

1. That the Commission excuse the witnesses for DENC and the Public Staff from appearing at the hearing on November 28, 2023, unless the Commission has questions for any of these witnesses, and cancel the evidentiary hearing;
2. That the pre-filed testimony, exhibits, and affidavits of the respective witnesses be received into evidence and made part of the record in this matter; and
3. That the Commission grant further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 17th day of November, 2023.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses and Cancel Evidentiary Hearing*, as filed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 674, was served electronically or via U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

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