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Re: Docket No. E-22, Sub 551
Docket No. G-5, Sub 585

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

On behalf of Dominion Energy, Inc. and SCANA Corporation, attached for filing in the above-referenced dockets are the Supplemental Testimony of Thomas P. Wohlfarth and Supplemental Testimony of D. Russell Harris, respectively.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOMINION ENERGY, INC.

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 551
DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 585

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY
OF
THOMAS P. WOHLFARTH

OCTOBER 5, 2018

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Thomas P. (“Tom”) Wohlfarth. My business address is 120
3 Tredegar Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?

5 A. I am employed by Dominion Energy, Inc. (“Dominion Energy”), and my
6 current position is Senior Vice President—Regulatory Affairs.

7 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE?

8 A. No, I have not.

9 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY?

10 A. The purpose of my supplemental testimony in this proceeding is to support
11 Dominion Energy’s position on the Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement
12 (“Stipulation”) filed by Dominion Energy, SCANA Corporation (“SCANA”)
13 (collectively, the “Applicants”), Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company,
14 LLC (“Transco”), and the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission
15 (“Public Staff”), in these Dockets on October 4, 2018, for consideration by the
16 North Carolina Utilities Commission (“Commission”). Dominion Energy is
17 the parent of Virginia Electric and Power Company, which does business in
18 North Carolina as “Dominion Energy North Carolina” or “DENC.”

1 Q. HOW DID THE STIPULATION WITH THE PUBLIC STAFF COME
2 ABOUT?

3 A. Following the filing of the Application of Dominion Energy and SCANA
4 pursuant to Gen. Stat. 62-111(a) for authority to engage in the proposed
5 business combination transaction (“Merger”), the Public Staff engaged in an
6 extensive audit and discovery process directed at investigating the public
7 convenience and necessity of the proposed Merger. This discovery process
8 involved the issuance of more than 100 data and document requests to
9 Dominion Energy and SCANA in 13 sets of discovery. Following this
10 process, the Public Staff, Dominion Energy, and SCANA began discussions
11 regarding a possible settlement. Those discussions covered a number of
12 issues and conditions necessary for the Public Staff to support approval of the
13 Merger, including changes to existing Regulatory Conditions and Codes of
14 Conduct appropriate as a result of the proposed Merger. After intervenor
15 testimony was filed, Dominion Energy and SCANA engaged in negotiations
16 with Transco as well regarding the regulatory Conditions. The negotiations
17 involved substantial compromise by all parties on numerous issues. This
18 process ultimately culminated in the Stipulation including the Regulatory
19 Conditions and Code of Conduct that was filed with the Commission on
20 October 4, 2018.

1 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE SOME OF THE OVERALL BENEFITS ACHIEVED
2 BY THE MERGER.

3 A. As discussed in the Application and direct testimonies in this proceeding the
4 Merger will provide many benefits to Public Service Company of North
5 Carolina, Inc.'s ("PSNC") customers and the state of North Carolina. The
6 acquisition of PSNC by Dominion Energy (via SCANA) will create a
7 financially stronger combined company and allow PSNC to more effectively
8 meet the future energy needs of North Carolina.

9 Overall, PSNC will benefit from best practices across an expanded platform of
10 service. Further, PSNC will benefit from Dominion Energy's services
11 company model with access to a level of services, support, and economies of
12 scale typically only available to a much larger company. PSNC also will have
13 an enhanced ability to access, on reasonable terms, the capital needed to meet
14 its obligations to provide safe and reliable service to its customers.

15 Q. WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE STIPULATION REACHED WITH
16 THE PUBLIC STAFF AND TRANSCO?

17 A. Presented below is a description of the matters agreed upon by Dominion
18 Energy, SCANA, Transco, and the Public Staff, hereinafter referred to as the
19 Stipulating Parties.

20 Regulatory Conditions. The Regulatory Conditions, including the Code of
21 Conduct, set forth in Attachment A to the Stipulation, represent commitments

1 by the Applicants as a precondition of approval by the Commission of the
2 Merger as set forth in the Merger Agreement attached to the application as
3 Exhibit A. These Regulatory Conditions will be incorporated into any
4 Commission order approving the Merger.

5 Bill Credits. The Applicants agree that, upon approval of this Stipulation by
6 the Commission, in its entirety, and closing of the Merger, PSNC will record a
7 regulatory liability of \$3.75 million representing a refund to customers of
8 2017 revenues and will subsequently provide such refund to customers as a
9 bill credit of \$1.25 million in January 2019, or as soon thereafter as
10 practicable, another bill credit of \$1.25 million in January 2020, and a final
11 bill credit of \$1.25 million in January 2021.

12 Charitable Contribution. In 2019, PSNC will increase its charitable
13 contributions over its 2017 contribution level by \$150,000. Such
14 contributions shall be used to provide energy assistance for low-income
15 customers in PSNC's service territory and will be treated as below-the-line
16 expenses (i.e., not recoverable in rates) for regulatory accounting and
17 ratemaking purposes.

18 Merger-Related Expenses. Direct expenses associated with the Merger will
19 be excluded from the regulated expenses of PSNC and DENC for
20 Commission financial reporting and ratemaking purposes. Merger-Related
21 Expenses include acquisition premiums, change-in-control payments made to

1 terminated executives, regulatory process costs, and transaction costs such as
2 investment banking, legal, accounting, securities issuances, and advisory fees.
3 Integration costs include the integration of financial, IT, human resources,
4 billing, accounting, and telecommunications systems. Other transition costs
5 include severance payments to employees, changes to signage, the cost of
6 transitioning employees to post-merger employee benefit plans, and costs to
7 terminate any duplicative leases, contracts, and operations, etc. The
8 Applicants have committed that none of these Merger-Related Expenses will
9 be passed on to the customers of PSNC or DENC, and have also stated that
10 the Merger will not have a net adverse impact on the rates and services of
11 DENC or PSNC. The Applicants further commit to file a report of their
12 accounting for Merger-Related Expenses within 60 days after the close of the
13 Merger, and supplemental reports, as necessary, within 60 days after each
14 calendar year.

15 Rate Moratorium. PSNC will not file an application for a general rate case
16 proceeding to adjust its base rates and charges before April 1, 2021. PSNC
17 will not increase its non-gas cost margin in its rates until November 1, 2021,
18 except for the following reasons: (1) adjustments or changes pursuant to
19 Rider C (Customer Usage Tracker), Rider D (Purchased Gas Adjustment
20 Procedures), and Rider E (Integrity Management Tracker) pursuant to Gen.
21 Stat. 62-133.4, Gen. Stat. 62-133.7, and Gen. Stat. 62-133.7A; (2) to reflect
22 the financial impact of governmental action (legislative, executive, or

1 regulatory) having a substantial specific impact on the gas industry generally
2 or on a segment thereof that includes PSNC, including but not limited to
3 major expenditures for environmental compliance; (3) to implement natural
4 gas expansion surcharges imposed pursuant to Gen. Stat. 62-158; or (4) to
5 reflect the financial impact of major expenditures associated with force
6 majeure. In addition, PSNC shall not file for any cost deferral during or
7 covering any period from the date of an order approving the Merger until after
8 October 31, 2021, except: (1) to reflect the financial impact of governmental
9 action (legislative, executive, or regulatory) having a substantial specific
10 impact on the gas industry generally or on a segment thereof that includes
11 PSNC, including but not limited to major expenditures for environmental
12 compliance; or (2) to reflect the financial impact of major expenditures
13 associated with force majeure. This provision does not indicate that the
14 Public Staff would support, or that the Commission would approve, such cost
15 deferral.

16 Protection Against Debt Downgrade. The Stipulating Parties agree that PSNC
17 and DENC customers will be held harmless from the impacts of debt
18 downgrade attributable to the Merger as set forth in the Regulatory
19 Conditions.

20 Customer Service. PSNC will maintain current levels of customer service and
21 behavior towards customers, as well as current levels of professional
22 cooperation with regulators, consumer advocates, and intervenors.

1 Cost Saving Opportunities. The electric utility operations of DENC and South
2 Carolina Electric & Gas Company, along with their affiliates and subsidiaries,
3 will look for post-Merger opportunities to engage in joint planning,
4 purchasing, and services that will result in cost savings to DENC's retail
5 electric customers, while not compromising reliability or service quality.

6 Affiliate Agreements. Unless otherwise allowed or ordered by the
7 Commission, no later than March 1, 2019, and in accordance with and as
8 provided by Gen. Stat. 62-153 and the related Regulatory Conditions, DENC
9 and PSNC will file any new or amended affiliate agreements with the
10 Commission for use by DENC and PSNC. The Stipulating Parties agree that
11 DENC and PSNC may operate, as of the date of the Merger's closing, under
12 the new or amended affiliate agreements until the Commission issues such an
13 order approving or accepting the new or amended affiliate agreements under
14 Gen. Stat. 62-153. PSNC and DENC agree and acknowledge that their
15 interim operation under the new or amended affiliate agreements is subject to
16 any fully adjudicated Commission order on the matter. Such services will be
17 provided pursuant to and comply fully with the Code of Conduct approved by
18 the Commission in this proceeding.

1 Q. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO NORTH CAROLINA CUSTOMERS OF
2 THE STIPULATION, INCLUDING THE REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT
3 AND REGULATORY CONDITIONS?

4 A. Customers will benefit from rate stability associated with PSNC's
5 commitment not to file prior to April 1, 2021, an application for a general rate
6 proceeding to adjust its rates and charges. PSNC customers also will benefit
7 from bill credits totaling \$3.5 million over a three-year period. In addition,
8 PSNC will benefit from being part of a corporate organization with enhanced
9 geographic, business, and regulatory diversity.

10 The revised Code of Conduct and Regulatory Conditions set forth
11 commitments made by Dominion Energy and SCANA as a precondition of
12 the approval of the Merger. They put safeguards in place to ensure that
13 customers will not be harmed by the Merger. The Regulatory Conditions are
14 intended to protect the jurisdiction of this Commission as a result of the
15 Merger, including agreements and transactions among affiliates. The
16 Regulatory Conditions are also intended to ensure that costs are properly
17 incurred and accounted for in cost of service. In addition, they address issues
18 that Transco raised in this proceeding. The Code of Conduct governs the
19 relationship, activities, and transactions among the public utility operations
20 and their affiliates. Overall, the Merger and the terms and conditions of the
21 Stipulation, including the Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct, will
22 ensure that the Merger is justified by the public convenience and necessity,

1 serves the public interest, and affords benefits and protections to North
2 Carolina customers.

3 Q. WHY IS THE PROVISION ALLOWING DENC AND PSNC TO OPERATE
4 UNDER THE NEW OR AMENDED AFFILIATE AGREEMENTS AS OF
5 THE DATE OF THE MERGER'S CLOSING NECESSARY?

6 A. This Stipulation provision is necessary to allow PSNC to receive certain
7 shared services and funding from Dominion Energy, on an interim basis,
8 immediately following the Merger's closing, until such time as new or
9 amended affiliate agreements are accepted or approved by the Commission.

10 Q. DOES THE STIPULATION PROVIDE FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS
11 FROM MERGER-RELATED EXPENSES FOR PSNC, DENC, AND THEIR
12 CUSTOMERS?

13 A. Yes, it does. Direct expenses associated with the Merger will be excluded
14 from the regulated expense of PSNC and DENC for Commission financial
15 reporting and ratemaking purposes. Merger-related expenses include
16 acquisition premiums, change-in-control payments made to terminated
17 executives, regulatory process costs, and transaction costs such as investment
18 banking, legal, and accounting fees. Moreover, the Applicants commit to file
19 a report of their accounting for Merger-related expenses within 60 days after
20 the close of the Merger, and supplemental reports, as necessary, within 60
21 days after each calendar year.

1 Q. IS DOMINION ENERGY MAKING ANY OTHER COMMITMENTS IN
2 CONNECTION WITH THE MERGER?

3 A. Yes, in addition to those already discussed, Dominion Energy intends to
4 maintain PSNC's headquarters in Gastonia, North Carolina and manage PSNC
5 from an operations standpoint as a separate regional business with
6 responsibility for making decisions that achieve the objectives of customer
7 satisfaction, reliable service, customer, public, and employee safety,
8 environmental stewardship, and collaborative and productive relationships
9 with customers, regulators, other governmental entities, and interested
10 stakeholders. In addition, Dominion Energy commits to maintaining
11 compensation levels for PSNC employees following the Merger until January
12 1, 2020, and will give due and fair consideration for other employment and
13 promotion opportunities within the larger Dominion Energy organization,
14 both inside and outside of North Carolina, to the extent any such employment
15 positions are re-aligned, reduced, or eliminated in the future as a result of the
16 combination.

17 Q. IN YOUR OPINION, DO THE MERGER AND STIPULATION SERVE
18 THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND AFFORD BENEFITS AND
19 PROTECTIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA CUSTOMERS?

20 A. Yes, I believe they do. The terms of the Stipulation, including the Regulatory
21 Conditions and Code of Conduct, will ensure that the Merger will have no
22 adverse impact on the rates charged and the services provided by DENC and

1 PSNC to North Carolina customers and that the benefits of the Merger to
2 DENC's and PSNC's customers are sufficient to offset any potential costs and
3 risks. PSNC customers will directly benefit from the \$3.75 million in bill
4 credits over three years, the rate moratorium until 2021, the \$150,000 increase
5 in its 2019 charitable contributions, and the continuation of regulatory
6 oversight and authority of the Commission. PSNC will continue to provide
7 efficient, reliable, and safe service at a reasonable cost through the many
8 commitments made by Dominion Energy and SCANA. For all of these
9 reasons, I believe that approval of the Merger and the Stipulation will benefit
10 PSNC and its customers, is justified by the public convenience and necessity,
11 and should be approved.

12 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY?

13 A. Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

SCANA CORPORATION

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 551
DOCKET NO. G-5, SUB 585

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY

OF

D. RUSSELL HARRIS

OCTOBER 5, 2018

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is D. Russell Harris and my business address is 220 Operation Way,
3 Cayce, South Carolina.

4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?

5 A. I am employed by SCANA Corporation (“SCANA”) and my current position
6 is Senior Vice President of Gas Distribution. I serve as President and Chief
7 Operating Officer of Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.
8 (“PSNC”), President of Gas Operations for South Carolina Electric & Gas
9 Company, and President of SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc.

10 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE?

11 A. Yes. I submitted direct testimony in this proceeding on June 22, 2018.

12 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY?

13 A. The purpose of my supplemental testimony is to briefly describe some of the
14 benefits of the proposed business transaction (“Merger”), and I provide the
15 position of SCANA on the Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement
16 (“Stipulation”) filed by Dominion Energy, SCANA (collectively, the
17 “Applicants”), Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, LLC, and the Public
18 Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission, in these Dockets on October 4,
19 2018, for consideration by the North Carolina Utilities Commission
20 (“Commission”). SCANA is the parent of PSNC.

1 Q YOU TESTIFIED IN YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY THAT YOU
2 BELIEVED THAT THE MERGER WILL BENEFIT PSNC AND ITS
3 CUSTOMERS. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS CONTINUES TO BE TRUE?

4 A. Yes. I continue to believe that the Merger will benefit PSNC and its
5 customers. The Stipulation, including the revised Regulatory Conditions and
6 Code of Conduct, provide additional benefits and protections for PSNC's
7 customers.

8 Q. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO PSNC ASSOCIATED WITH THE
9 MERGER AS PROPOSED?

10 A. As I discussed in my direct testimony, PSNC will benefit from this Merger. It
11 will become part of a much larger corporate organization with more business
12 diversity and greater financial and operational scale. PSNC will have access
13 to an array of services provided by Dominion Energy's centralized services
14 company which, because of its larger size and buying power, should provide
15 cost advantages to PSNC over time. PSNC also will benefit from the adoption
16 of best practices, which should benefit employee and public safety, customer
17 service, and operational cost-effectiveness. Finally, the Merger will enhance
18 PSNC's ability to finance the investments necessary to continue providing
19 safe, reliable, and cost-effective operations across a growing customer base.

1 Q. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS TO PSNC CUSTOMERS AS A
2 RESULT OF THE STIPULATION?

3 Dominion Energy and SCANA agreed that after closing of the Merger, PSNC
4 will record a regulatory liability of \$3.75 million representing a refund to
5 customers of 2017 revenues and will subsequently provide such refund to
6 customers as a bill credit of \$1.25 million in January 2019 or as soon
7 thereafter as practicable, another bill credit of \$1.25 million in January 2020,
8 and a final bill credit of \$1.25 million in January 2021.

9 The Companies also agreed that in 2019, PSNC will increase its charitable
10 contributions over its 2017 contribution level by \$150,000. Such
11 contributions shall be used to provide energy assistance for low-income
12 customers in PSNC's service territory.

13 Further, Dominion Energy and SCANA agreed to a moratorium on PSNC's
14 general rate increases. PSNC will not file an application for a general rate
15 case proceeding to adjust its base rates and charges before April 1, 2021, and
16 will not increase its rates until November 1, 2021, except for the limited
17 circumstances as set forth in the Stipulation.

18 Q. HOW WILL THE MERGER AND STIPULATION AFFECT PSNC'S
19 REGULATION BY THE COMMISSION?

20 A. The Commission will continue to have full regulatory oversight of PSNC's provision
21 of natural gas service to its customers. Further, the Stipulation provides for

1 additional Regulatory Conditions and a revised Code of Conduct with which PSNC
2 will comply.

3 Q. DOES SCANA SUPPORT THE STIPULATION AS FILED WITH THE
4 COMMISSION?

5 A. Yes. SCANA supports the settlement as reflected in the Stipulation.

6 Q. IN YOUR OPINION, DO THE MERGER AND STIPULATION SERVE
7 THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND AFFORD BENEFITS AND
8 PROTECTIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA CUSTOMERS?

9 A. Yes. The terms of the Stipulation, including the Regulatory Conditions and
10 Code of Conduct, will ensure that the Merger will have no adverse impact on
11 the rates charged and the service provided by PSNC to North Carolina
12 customers and that the benefits of the Merger to PSNC's customers are
13 sufficient to offset any potential costs and risks. PSNC customers will
14 directly benefit from the \$3.75 million in bill credits, the rate moratorium until
15 2021, the commitment to PSNC's 2019 charitable contributions, and the
16 continuation of regulatory oversight and authority of the Commission. PSNC
17 will continue to provide efficient, reliable, and safe service at a reasonable
18 cost through the many commitments made by Dominion Energy and SCANA.
19 For all of these reasons, I believe that approval of the Merger and Stipulation
20 will benefit PSNC and its customers, is justified by the public convenience
21 and necessity, and should be approved.

- 1 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY?
- 2 A. Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing Supplemental Testimony of Thomas P. Wohlfarth and Supplemental Testimony of D. Russell Harris have been served on all parties of record or their attorneys, or both, by U.S. mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 5th day of October, 2018.

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