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PLACE: Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina  
DATE: Thursday, December 16, 2021  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 10:04 a.m.  
DOCKET NO: E-22, Sub 605  
BEFORE: Hearing Examiner Derrick Mertz

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company,  
d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina,  
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.2 and  
Commission Rule R8-55 Regarding Fuel and  
Fuel-Related Cost Adjustments for  
Electric Utilities

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

HEARING EXAMINER MERTZ: Good morning.

Let's come to order, please, and go on the record.

I'm Derrick Mertz, Staff Attorney with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and the Hearing Examiner for this proceeding.

I now call for hearing Docket Number E-22, Sub 605, which is Dominion Energy North Carolina's Application for Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges and Revise its Fuel Factor Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 62-133.2 and Commission Rule R8-55.

On August 10th, 2021, Dominion filed its Application to address the fuel and fuel-related cost components of its electric rates.

On August 23rd, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing in this matter to be held on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021, for the purpose of considering the Application and its requested rate increase.

Petitions to intervene were filed by and

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1 granted for Carolina Utility Customers Association,  
2 Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I,  
3 and Nucor Steel-Hertford.

4 On October 14th, 2021, the Commission issued  
5 an Order Rescheduling the Expert Witness Hearing to  
6 Monday, November 22nd, 2021.

7 On October 28th, 2021, Dominion filed a  
8 Petition to Modify Test Period. The Petition  
9 requested that the Commission allow the Company to  
10 include in its recovery request the deferral balance  
11 of the months of July, August, and September 2021, to  
12 help mitigate a projected significant under-recovery  
13 for the 2022 fuel factor adjustment proceeding due to  
14 the recent rise in commodity fuel prices. The  
15 Petition also requested the Commission to schedule an  
16 additional public witness hearing following the expert  
17 witness hearing.

18 On November 8th, 2021, the Commission issued  
19 an Order Scheduling Additional Public Hearing and  
20 Requiring Public Notice that, among other things,  
21 scheduled an additional, second public hearing in this  
22 matter to be held on this date and time for the  
23 purpose of considering Dominion's revised, requested  
24 rate increase.

1           On November 15th and 17th, 2021, Dominion  
2 and the Public Staff filed a Joint Motion and,  
3 subsequently, a clarifying letter requesting the  
4 Commission to excuse their witnesses and conduct the  
5 evidentiary hearing in this matter remotely.

6           On November 16th, 2021, the first of the  
7 scheduled public witness hearings was held.

8           On November 18th, 2021, the Commission  
9 issued an Order Excusing Expert Witnesses, Accepting  
10 Testimony, Canceling Expert Witness Hearing, and  
11 Requiring Filing of Proposed Orders. Among other  
12 things, the Order noted that the evidentiary record  
13 remains open pending, and to consider any evidence  
14 elicited at, this additional public witness hearing.

15           That brings us here to today.

16           In compliance with the State Government  
17 Ethics Act, members of the Commission have a duty to  
18 avoid conflicts of interest.

19           Madam Court Reporter, please note for the  
20 record that I have no known conflicts of interest with  
21 regard to this docket.

22           I now call on the parties to announce their  
23 appearances, starting with the Applicant.

24           MS. KELLS: Good morning. Andrea Kells with

1 the Law Firm of McGuireWoods appearing on behalf of  
2 Dominion Energy North Carolina.

3 MR. LITTLE: John Little and William Creech  
4 on behalf of the North Carolina Public Staff.

5 HEARING EXAMINER MERTZ: Are there any  
6 preliminary matters the parties need to address?

7 MR. LITTLE: None from the Public Staff.

8 MS. KELLS: No.

9 HEARING EXAMINER MERTZ: Mr. Little,  
10 Mr. Creech, can you confirm whether the Public Staff  
11 has identified any public witnesses that have  
12 registered to speak at this hearing today?

13 MR. LITTLE: The Public Staff does not have  
14 any knowledge of anybody wishing to speak today.

15 HEARING EXAMINER MERTZ: And are there any  
16 members of the public present today who wish to speak  
17 at this hearing?

18 (No response)

19 Let the record reflect that there are no  
20 members of the public registered to speak at this  
21 hearing or present in the courtroom.

22 This concludes the hearing. Thank you for  
23 your attendance.

24 We are adjourned.

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(Proceedings adjourned)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, KIM T. MITCHELL, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the Proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken before me, that I did report in stenographic shorthand the Proceedings set forth herein, and the foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to the best of my ability.

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