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VIA Electronic Filing

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 Authority to Adjust its Electric Rates and Charges Pursuant

to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69

Docket No. E-22, Sub 645

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*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Andrea R. Kells

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Enclosure

cc: Nadia Luhr, Public Staff – NC Utilities Commission Anne Keyworth, Public Staff – NC Utilities Commission Lucy Edmondson, Public Staff – NC Utilities Commission

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 645

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

| In the Matter of | |
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| Application of Virginia Electric and Power |) JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE |
| Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North |) WITNESSES AND CANCEL |
| Carolina, for Authority to Adjust its Electric |) EVIDENTIARY HEARING |
| Rates and Charges Pursuant to N.C.G.S. |) |
| § 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69 |) |

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 9, 2022, and to cancel the evidentiary

hearing.

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

- 1. On August 9, 2022, DENC filed its Application for Approval of DSM and EE Cost Recovery Rider ("Application") along with the pre-filed testimony of Michael T. Hubbard, Edmund J. Hall, Jarvis E. Bates, Justin A. Wooldridge, Christopher C. Hewett and Casey R. Lawson in support of the Application.
- 2. On August 30, 2022, Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I ("CIGFUR I") filed a Petition to Intervene. The Commission granted the Petition on September 1, 2022.
 - 3. On September 16, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Scheduling*

Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Discovery Guidelines and Requiring Public Notice ("Scheduling Order").

- 4. On October 19, 2022, the Public Staff filed the Direct Testimony of Tommy C. Williamson, Jr. and the Notice of Affidavit and Affidavit of Kuei Fen Sun.
 - 5. On October 28, 2022, DENC filed a Letter in Lieu of Rebuttal Testimony.
 - 6. No other parties have intervened in this proceeding.
- 7. The Company plans to file its Affidavit of Publication on November 2, 2022.
- 8. 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 C and Rider CE rates, as set forth in their respective testimony and affidavit.
- 9. 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 9, 2022 pursuant to the Scheduling Order, unless the Commission has questions for them, and that the evidentiary hearing be canceled.
- 10. Counsel for CIGFUR I has 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 9, 2022, 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 1st day of November, 2022.

/s/ Andrea R. Kells

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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* filed in Docket No. E-22, Sub 645 was served electronically or via U.S. mail, first class postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 1st day of November, 2022.

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