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

> Re: Docket No. E-22, Sub 562 Docket No. E-22, Sub 566

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, is a *Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses*.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/Mary Lynne Grigg

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 562 DOCKET NO. E-22, SUB 566

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Dominion Energy North Carolina) for Adjustment of Rates and Charges Applicable) to Electric Service in North Carolina)

JOINT MOTION TO EXCUSE WITNESSES

NOW COME The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Public Staff") and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina ("Dominion" or "DENC"), and respectfully request that the Commission issue an order in the above-captioned docket excusing Public Staff witnesses Michelle M. Boswell, David M. Williamson, Jeff T. Thomas, and Roxie McCullar and DENC witnesses Bobby E. McGuire, Bruce E. Petrie, and Deanna R. Kesler from testifying at the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding scheduled to begin on September 23, 2019.

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

- On February 27, 2019, DENC filed a Notice of Intent to File a General Rate Application.
- 2. On March 29, 2019, DENC filed an application in Docket No. E-22, Sub 562, for a general rate increase, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-133 and 62-134 and Commission Rule R1-17, along with direct testimony and exhibits of its witnesses, including witnesses McGuire and Petrie.

- 3. On May 2, 2019, the Commission issued its order Consolidating Dockets, which consolidated this general rate case with DENC's pending petition for deferral accounting authority to defer post-in-service costs associated with commercial operations of the Greensville Power Station in Docket No. E-22, Sub 566.
- On May 30, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Investigation and Hearings, Establishing Intervention and Testimony Due Dates and Discovery Deadlines and Requiring Public Notice.
- 5. On August 5, 2019, DENC filed supplemental direct testimony, including the supplemental direct testimony of witnesses Petrie and Kesler.
- On August 23, 2019, the Public Staff filed testimony and exhibits, including those of witnesses Boswell, Williamson, Thomas, and McCullar,
- 7. On September 16, 2019, DENC filed a witness list with estimates for crossexamination time for each witness ("Witness List").
- 8. On September 17, 2019, DENC filed an Agreement and Stipulation of Partial Settlement with the Public Staff ("Stipulation"), settling many of the issues raised throughout the proceeding and waiving cross examination of certain witnesses by the respective parties. On the same day, DENC and the Public Staff filed testimony and exhibits in support of the Stipulation.
- 9. On September 18, 2019, the Public Staff filed supplemental testimony revising an adjustment to an unsettled issues.
- 10. As a result of the Stipulation, and consistent with the estimated cross-examination times presented in the Witness List, no parties in this proceeding have indicated that they anticipate cross-examination of Public Staff witnesses Boswell,

Williamson, Thomas, and McCullar, and DENC witnesses McGuire, Petrie, and Kesler at this point.

11. Counsel for Nucor Steel-Hertford, the Attorney General's Office, and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates I have not opposed this filing.

Therefore, DENC and the Public Staff respectfully move:

1. That the Commission excuse Bobby E. McGuire, Bruce E. Petrie, Deanna R. Kesler, Michelle M. Boswell, David M. Williamson, Jeff T. Thomas and Roxie McCullar from appearing at the hearing beginning on September 23, 2019, unless the Commission has questions for any of these witnesses.

2. That the Commission grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted, this the 19th day of September, 2019.

DOMINION ENERGY NORTH CAROLINA

By: <u>/s/ Mary Lynne Grigg</u> Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Joint Motion to Excuse Witnesses, as

filed in Docket No. E-22 Sub 562 and E-22 Sub 566, were served electronically or via

U.S. mail, first-class, postage prepaid, upon all parties of record.

This, the 19th day of September, 2019.

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