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SUBJECT: REVISION OF SCHEDULE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE NORTH ANNA POWER STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, SUBSEQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION (EPID NUMBER: L-2020-SLE-0000) (DOCKET NUMBERS: 50-338 AND 50-339)

Dear Daniel Stoddard:

This letter is to inform you about a schedule change in the North Anna license renewal review. By letters dated August 24, 2020, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ML20246G703), Dominion Energy submitted an application for subsequent license renewal of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7 for the North Anna Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (North Anna) to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Part 54 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "Requirements for renewal of operating licenses for nuclear power plants."

Due to several factors, the NRC staff now expects to issue the draft site-specific environmental impact statement (EIS) in December 2023 and the final site-specific EIS in July 2024. These factors include: 1) staff resource challenges related to high priority work, including initial license renewal reviews; and 2) increased workload due to receipt of multiple unplanned license renewal and subsequent license renewal applications currently in-house and expected, as well as some applications being submitted earlier than planned. Although Environmental Center of Expertise (ECO) staff continue to exercise extreme agility in reprioritizing and reassigning staff promptly when impacts are identified, some schedule delays to license renewal work are unavoidable. The NRC staff and management reviewed projects and work across the ECOE and, given the status of various projects, agreed that a delay to the subsequent license renewal schedule for North Anna was unavoidable.

Staff will continue to look for ways to introduce efficiencies and recover schedule, but the above factors continue to create risks as the project moves forward and we will continue to reprioritize work across the ECOE to minimize schedule impacts. If there are emergent complexities or challenges in our review that would cause substantive changes to the forecasted completion date, the reasons for the changes, along with the new estimates, will be communicated via separate correspondence. Please be aware that milestones for hearing activities that may be needed are not included in this revised schedule.

This revision of schedule was discussed with Paul Aiken of your staff. If you have any questions on the revised schedule, please contact Tam Tran or Vaughn Thomas by telephone at 301-415-3617 or 301-415-5897 or via email at Tam.Tran@nrc.gov or Vaughn.Thomas@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Moses, John signing on behalf  
of Regan, Christopher  
on 10/16/23

Christopher M. Regan, Director  
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Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339

Enclosure: As stated

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NORTH ANNA POWER STATION SUBSEQUENT LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION  
REVISION OF SCHEDULE

Milestone	Scheduled
Site-specific environmental license renewal application supplement received by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	9/28/22
NRC publishes notice of intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) supplement and start of 30-day limited scoping period <i>Federal Register Notice</i> (FRN)	11/15/22
Limited scoping period ends	12/15/22
Conduct environmental audit	3/6/23
NRC issues environmental requests for additional information (RAI) and requests for confirmation of information (RCI), as needed	04/26/2023 04/23/2023
NRC receives RAI/RCI responses	5/16/2023
NRC publishes draft SEIS supplement and FRNs to start 45-day comment period and 60- day period to request a hearing	10/2023 12/2023
Draft SEIS supplement comment period ends	12/2023 02/2024
Period to request a hearing end	12/2023 02/2024
Publish final SEIS supplement and FRN	5/2024 7/2024
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Issues FRN – final SEIS supplement notice of availability and beginning of 30-day cooling off period	5/2024 7/2024
NRC issues FRN - renewed license/record of decision (assuming no comments during EPA cooling off period or per Commission direction, as appropriate)	7/2024 8/2024

The North Anna project schedule is at:

<https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/north-anna-1-2-subsequent.html>

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