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Hon. Ronnie Young, Chairman
Aiken County Council
736 Richland Avenue West
Aiken, SC 29801

ESP-0036

In the Matter of
Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC
NRC Docket No. 52-008
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
AN APPLICATION FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT

Dear Mr. Young:

Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion), has submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an application for an Early Site Permit (ESP) for a location in central Virginia identified as the North Anna ESP Site. Dominion is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc., which is also the parent of Virginia Electric & Power Company (Virginia Power). An ESP is an NRC permit issued pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 52, Subpart A, approving a proposed site as suitable for new nuclear power plants, but is not an approval to construct or operate such plants. Currently, Dominion is not proposing to construct or operate new nuclear plants. If in the future Dominion were to decide to proceed with the development of new nuclear units at the North Anna ESP Site, it would have to obtain a construction permit and operating license from the NRC before proceeding with those activities.

The site selected for the ESP is a parcel of land on the North Anna Power Station (NAPS) site in Louisa County, Virginia. Geographically, the ESP site is approximately 40 miles north-northwest of Richmond, Virginia; 36 miles east of Charlottesville, Virginia; and 22 miles southwest of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Two existing nuclear units, NAPS Units 1 and 2, and an independent spent fuel storage installation are currently operated by Virginia Power on the NAPS site.

Dominion's application for an ESP includes an environmental report evaluating the impacts that would occur if new nuclear units were constructed and operated at the North Anna ESP Site. In order to assess whether the proposed site is environmentally suitable, the environmental report includes an evaluation of alternative sites to determine whether there is any obviously superior alternative to the proposed site. The environmental report evaluates several alternative sites, including DOE's Savannah River Site, but does not find any alternative site obviously superior to the North Anna ESP Site. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.101(a)(3)(ii), Dominion is providing this notice to you because DOE's Savannah River Site, located within your county, is discussed in the environmental report as one of the alternative sites that Dominion considered.

The NRC will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing Dominion's application. The EIS will also include an evaluation of alternative sites. The NRC will issue a draft of this EIS for public comment. A Federal Register notice will announce this issuance, the procedure for providing comments, and the means by which the draft EIS is being made publicly available.

A copy of Dominion's application and environmental report is available on the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) public electronic reading room on the Internet at the NRC website, http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. The accession number for the application is ML032731517. The NRC has accepted the application for docketing and assigned NRC Docket No. 52-008 to this matter. The NRC published a notice of this acceptance in the Federal Register on October 29, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. at 61,705).

If you need any further information concerning Dominion's application, please contact Joseph D. Hegner. Mr. Hegner may be contacted at the address above, by phone at 804-273-2770, or by email at joseph_hegner@dom.com. At your request, Mr. Hegner will also provide you with a copy of the application and environmental report, including any changes to such documents that affect the evaluation of alternative sites.

Sincerely,

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Vice President—Nuclear Support Services