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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE FOR DOCKETING OF THE DOMINION APPLICATION FOR A
COMBINED LICENSE FOR NORTH ANNA UNIT 3

Dear Mr. Grecheck:

By letter dated November 26, 2007, as supplemented by letters dated January 17 and 28, 2008, Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) submitted its application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for one economic simplified boiling water reactor (ESBWR), to be identified as North Anna Unit 3 and located at the North Anna Power Station in Louisa County, Virginia, in accordance with the requirements contained in 10 CFR Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants." By letter dated December 6, 2007, the NRC staff acknowledged receipt of the application and noted its intent to conduct an acceptance review.

This letter informs you that the NRC staff has completed its acceptance review and has determined that your application is acceptable for docketing. The docket number established for this application is 52-017. The staff intends to publish a schedule for the detailed technical review of your COL application within 30 days and will interact with you as this schedule is developed.

The enclosed notice of acceptance for docketing has been forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register and a separate notice will be published, in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.104, regarding the opportunity to file a petition for leave to intervene in the mandatory hearing required for this application.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at 301-415-0224 or TAK@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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ACCEPTANCE FOR DOCKETING OF AN APPLICATION FOR
COMBINED LICENSE FOR NORTH ANNA UNIT 3
DOCKET NO. 52-017

By letter dated November 26, 2007, as supplemented by letters dated January 17 and 28, 2008, Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a combined license (COL) for one economic simplified boiling water reactor (ESBWR) in accordance with the requirements contained in 10 CFR Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants." The reactor will be identified as North Anna Unit 3 and located at the North Anna Power Station in Louisa County, Virginia. A notice of receipt and availability of this application was previously published in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 70619) on December 12, 2007.

The NRC staff has determined that Dominion has submitted information in accordance with 10 CFR Part 2, "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders," and 10 CFR Part 52 that is acceptable for docketing. The docket number established for this COL application is 52-017.

The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of the COL application. Docketing of the COL application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application. The Commission will conduct a hearing in accordance with Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for NRC Adjudications," of 10 CFR Part 2 and will receive a report

on the COL application from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in accordance with 10 CFR 52.87, "Referral to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS)." If the Commission finds that the COL application meets the applicable standards of the Atomic Energy Act and the Commission's regulations, and that required notifications to other agencies and bodies have been made, the Commission will issue a COL, in the form and containing conditions and limitations that the Commission finds appropriate and necessary.

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, the Commission will also prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.26, and as part of the environmental scoping process, the staff intends to hold a public scoping meeting. Detailed information regarding this meeting will be included in a future *Federal Register* notice.

Finally, the Commission will announce in a future *Federal Register* notice the opportunity to petition for leave to intervene in the hearing required for this application by 10 CFR 52.85.

Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, and will be accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-licensing/col.html>. Persons who do not have

access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

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