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Mr. Tony Banks Dominion Energy, Inc. Innsbrook Technical Center 5000 Dominion Blvd. Glen Allen, VA 23060

Re: Viewshed Impact Analysis for VDHR #088-0126, #088-0133 and #016-5042 Addendum to Architectural Survey of the Proposed North Anna – Ladysmith 500kV Transmission Line, Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Caroline Counties, Virginia DHR File No. 2009-0430

Dear Mr. Banks:

We have received the above-referenced analysis prepared by The Louis Berger Group, Inc. for Dominion Resources, Inc. This analysis supersedes the previous Viewshed Impact Analysis dated March 2010. This analysis was conducted in accordance with DHR's *Guidelines for Assessing Impacts of Proposed Electric Transmission Lines and Associated Facilities on Historic Resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia* (January 2008). The below comments are offered as assistance to Dominion in the preparation of an application to the State Corporation Commission and to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in meeting its responsibilities pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act.

Visual impact analyses were completed for three resources: Llangollen (DHR ID #088-0126), Bel-Air (DHR ID #088-0133), and the Farm, Blanton's Road (DHR ID #016-5042). Our comments on these analyses are presented below:

## 088-0126, Llangollen

Although interior access to this property, as recommended in previous correspondence, was not gained, the consultant recommends treating the property as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the purposes of this project. DHR agrees with this approach; however, this resource should continue to be managed as *potentially eligible* for future projects. Based upon a review of the information provided, DHR concurs that the proposed transmission line will have *no visual impact* on Llangollen due to tree coverage and dense vegetation.

## 088-0133, Bel-Air

Consistent with our August 11, 2010 comments, we concur with the consultant's recommendation that Bel-Air is *eligible* for listing in the National Register under Criterion C and that the proposed

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## 016-5042, Farm, Blanton's Road

Consistent with our August 11, 2010 comments, we concur with the consultant's recommendation that this resource is <u>eligible</u> for listing in the National Register and that the proposed transmission line will have <u>low visual impact</u> on the property. No further mitigative measures are warranted for this resource.

In the course of completing the above analyses, the consultant determined that the **House at 4236 Lewiston Road (DHR ID #088-5044)** was mismapped in DHR's archives and is outside of the study area for this project. We concur that no further consideration of this property is warranted at this time; however, for management purposes, this resources should be considered <u>unevaluated</u>.

The remaining 49 properties that were included in the *Architectural Survey* are considered by DHR to be <u>not</u> <u>eligible</u> for listing in the National Register and no further consideration of these resources is warranted at this time.

016-0060	088-0123	088-5335	088-5345	088-5355
016-0062	088-5013	088-5336	088-5346	088-5356
016-0247	088-5039	088-5337	088-5347	088-5357
016-5043	088-5079	088-5338	088-5348	088-5358
016-5044	088-5103	088-5339	088-5349	088-5359
016-5045	088-5104	088-5340	088-5350	088-5360
016-5046	088-5109	088-5341	088-5351	088-5361
016-5047	088-5113	088-5342	088-5352	088-5362
088-0054	088-5114	088-5343	088-5353	088-5363
088-0120	088-5280	088-5344	088-5354	

Based on the sum of the information provided, we concur with Dominion that this transmission line project will have <u>no negative impact</u> on historic properties. If and when access roads and staging areas are identified and if those locations require ground disturbance of intact soils, additional archaeological survey of those locations is recommended. If you have any questions concerning these recommendations or our review of this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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