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

RE:

- (1) Archaeological Survey, Dominion Combined License Project, North Anna Power Station, Louisa County, Virginia (June 2009)
- (2) Cultural Resource Assessment of a Proposed Heavy Haul Route to the North Anna Power Station ESP Site, Louisa, Hanover, Caroline, and King William Counties, Virginia (June 2009)

DHR File No. 2000-1210

Dear Mr. Banks:

We have received for consideration the above-referenced documents prepared by The Louis Berger Group, Inc. for Dominion Resource Services, Inc. We are pleased to inform you that these studies meet DHR's *Survey Guidelines* (revised 2003).

The archaeological survey covered 105.3 acres, which includes 9.7 acres within the existing North Anna property and 95.6 acres of adjacent and contiguous land. The survey identified six new archaeological sites and seven artifact locations. The locations are, by definition, not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and no further investigation of these resources is warranted. The consultant recommends, and DHR concurs, that sites **44LS0229**, **0230**, **0231**, **0232**, and **0234** are *not eligible* for listing in the National Register. The remaining site, **44LS0233**, is recommended as *potentially eligible* and DHR concurs. We understand that site 44LS0233 will be avoided and preserved in place throughout construction and operation of the new generation unit. Accordingly, we do not recommend further evaluation at this time. It has previously been agreed that four other recorded sites – 44LS0221, 44LS0222, 44LS0226, and 44LS0227 – will be avoided during construction and operation. If at any point, avoidance of these sites is deemed impractical, please reinitiate consultation with our office concerning the effect of this undertaking.

Regarding the *Cultural Resource Assessment*, we concur that if any ground-disturbing activity is to take place within the Haley East parcel, additional archaeological survey is warranted. Furthermore, DHR concurs with the recommendations regarding the need for additional cultural resource studies in support of the heavy haul route and must stress the importance of consultation with the Mattaponi and Upper Mattaponi on impacts to the

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historic ferry and archaeological sites along the North Anna River. Impacts, even if temporary and reversible, to historic districts through which the heavy haul route runs should also be considered.

Thank you for your continued consultation on the potential impacts of this project on historic resources. We look forward to working with NRC and Dominion to conclude the Section 106 process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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