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By letter dated November 26, 2007, Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) submitted a Combined License Application for North Anna, Unit 3, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Regulations*, Part 52. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is performing a detailed review of this COLA.

The NRC staff has identified that additional information is needed to address questions posed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the staff's draft Biological Assessment submitted to them in 2015. A Request for Additional Information (RAI), is enclosed. To support the schedule for completion of ESA consultations, Dominion is requested to respond within 30 days of the date of this request.

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QUESTIONS

ESA Consultations:

The NRC requires information related to Dominion's anticipated temporary installation of a barge rolloff facility on the Mattaponi so that the NRC may complete its consultations with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under the Endangered Species Act and perform a significance evaluation related to the new information concerning potential impacts to Atlantic Sturgeon.

Background: The NRC is currently engaged in interactions with NMFS as part of consultations under the Endangered Species Act. The staff is evaluating the significance of potential impacts to Atlantic Sturgeon from project activities related to Dominion's anticipated location of the barge landing on the Mattaponi River at Walkerton, VA. As part of its evaluation, the staff is seeking additional information regarding Dominion's statement that it would implement construction mitigation measures including best management practices for erosion control, noise abatement, and restrictions on the timing of activities. The staff also notes that there is a time of year restriction in the project permit issued by Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, to which Dominion indicated it will adhere for protection of anadromous species (prohibits in-river construction between February 15 and June 30).

In order for the NRC to complete its consultations with NMFS and evaluate the significance of potential impacts to the Atlantic Sturgeon, the following information is requested.

- 1) Provide any new information available regarding plans for the installment and removal of the barge unloading facility including the estimated duration of the project, the estimated number of pilings to be installed, and whether the pilings will be removed when the facility is dismantled.
- 2) Describe construction mitigation measures currently planned for the barge facility including any time of year restrictions on the in-water work during installation of the facility.