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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subj: Extension of Operating License for the Surry Power Station

On behalf of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, I would like to voice my organization's strong support for Dominion Energy's application to operate its two nuclear units at Surry Power Station for an additional 20 years. This extension would ensure that Surry continues to provide clean, reliable and affordable supplies of energy to the many Federal facilities and military installations in the Hampton Roads area into the second half of the 21st Century.

My organization is dedicated to doing all that we can to preserve these Federal installations that are so important to Hampton Roads - and to our nation's defense and security, as well as the regional and Commonwealth economies.

We strongly believe that a reliable supply of electricity is a key ingredient for maintaining and retaining these vital facilities, and for promoting the health and growth of the entire Hampton Roads economy. Surry Power Station has played a major role in ensuring a high level of energy reliability for these installations for many years. It's no overstatement to say that much of our national defense and security depends on Surry.

No one can deny that the station's track record has been impressive. I understand that one-third of the power that Dominion Energy provides to its customers here in Virginia is produced using nuclear energy, at Surry and also at the North Anna Power Station in Louisa County.

Surry is also one of the top-performing nuclear stations in the United States, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and to organizations that monitor the nuclear industry. And studies by the Electric Power Research Institute, the U.S. Department of Energy, and Dominion Energy itself indicate this well-maintained station can continue to operate safely and efficiently for decades to come.

All the evidence suggests that Surry will play an even greater role in providing Hampton Roads and its military bases with clean, reliable power in the future.



Surry's output has become more important than ever with the closure of some of the older, fossil-fueled generating plants in our region. In fact, one of the main purposes of the Skiffes Creek transmission line across the James River is to make Surry's output more available to the Peninsula, home of many important Federal installations and contractors.

The Alliance is also well aware of the Department of Defense's commitment to the environment, and to the development of "greener" sources of energy. Continuing to operate Surry is completely consistent with those goals.

- First, it produces zero emissions as it generates electricity. This important source of electricity must be maintained as Virginia and our nation move into a lower carbon future.

Second, Surry will provide vital support for the development of power generation based on renewable energy, such as solar energy and offshore wind. As clean and valuable as these resources are, they cannot produce electricity around the clock. When these sources of renewable energy can't operate, Surry will be there to back them up and meet our region's energy needs. I don't' think it's an exaggeration to say that the continued development of renewable resources in Virginia depends in large part on Surry's continued operation.

On behalf of the Alliance, I ask the Commission to favorably consider Dominion Energy's application for Surry's subsequent license renewal.

Sincerely,

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