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Benjamin Beasley, Chief Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Surry Power Station – Units 1 and 2 License Renewal

Surry County, Virginia. DHR Project No. 2017-0798

Dear Mr. Beasely:

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR), which serves as the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, has received notice of Dominion Energy's intention to pursue renewal of its licenses from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to operate Units 1 and 2 at the Surry Power Station (SPS). A draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) was prepared and includes analyses of potential impacts to historic properties at SPS. Our comments are provided as to the NRC in meeting their responsibility under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Our records show one identified historic resources on the SPS property. Site 44SY0002 represents the archaeological remains of the Lawnes Creek Church. No comprehensive archaeological survey has been completed on the SPS property, and other historic resources may remain undocumented. The stretch of river running along Hog Island has been designated part of the Jamestown Island-Hog Island-Captain John Smith Trail Historic District, which has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

We do not object to the renewal of these licenses. We concur that the continued operation of the facility would not adversely affect historic properties; however, we offer the following for consideration by the NRC:

- 1. Dominion should consult with DHR on all projects at the SPS that include ground-disturbing activities in areas not previously disturbed by similar activities; and
- 2. Dominion should update the anticipated discoveries plans to ensure that contact information remains valid.

If you have any questions at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me at jennifer.bellville-marrion@dhr.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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