



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Docket Nos.: 50-338
and 50-339

Virginia Electric and Power Company
ATTN: Mr. W. L. Proffitt
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Gentlemen:

By letters dated January 2, 1974 and June 8, 1976 you informed us of your intentions to construct a 230 kV transmission line (North Anna-Gordonsville transmission line) connecting the North Anna Power Station and the Louisa Substation. This transmission line will require clearing a right-of-way approximately 14 miles in length extending in a southwesterly direction from the North Anna Power Station. In your letter, you stated that you did not consider this transmission line to be part of the North Anna "utilization facility". You justified this judgement on the basis that the line is intended to strengthen your distribution system in southern Virginia and the North Anna Power Station is not dependent on the line in any way.

It has been our practice to exclude a new transmission line from consideration if it would have been constructed had the "utilization facility" not been constructed. However, we understand from telephone conversations with Mr. James East of your staff that the North Anna-Gordonsville transmission line originates at the North Anna Power Station and will distribute power from the North Anna Power Station. It is our judgement that it is part of the North Anna "utilization facility". Consequently, it will be necessary for us to evaluate the environmental impact of construction and operation of the North Anna-Gordonsville transmission line including the consideration of alternate routes.

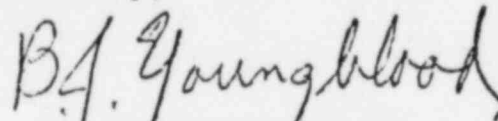
As the first step in our assessment of the impact of the North Anna-Gordonsville transmission line we request that you forward to us the material requested in enclosure 1 to this letter no later than July 7, 1976.

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It is anticipated that our assessment of the North Anna-Gordonsville transmission line can be completed in time to permit resolution of this issue during the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hearings currently scheduled for late summer 1976. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact Fred Hebdon, (301) 443-6950.

Sincerely,



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Requested

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