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SUBJECT: SURRY AND NORTH ANNA NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS RE: MERGER OF
DOMINION RESOURCES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED NATURAL GAS
COMPANY (TAC NOS. MA6430, MA6431, MA6432, AND MA6433)

Dear Messrs. Irwin and Behrends and Ms. Murphy:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that approval under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.80 is not required in connection with the subject merger and the licenses for either the Surry or North Anna nuclear power stations.

In a letter of July 1, 1999, you informed the NRC staff that Dominion Resources, Inc. (DRI), the parent of Virginia Electric and Power Company (Virginia Power), had executed an agreement and a plan of merger with Consolidated Natural Gas Company (CNG), which is a company engaged in all phases of the natural gas business.

The staff has reviewed your letter and has performed a threshold review in consideration of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.80. The staff has concluded that the proposed merger of DRI with CNG does not involve a transfer, direct or indirect, of the operating licenses for Virginia Power's Surry and North Anna nuclear plants. Furthermore, the staff has concluded that the merger will not adversely affect Virginia Power's financial or technical qualifications with respect to the operation and decommissioning of the Surry and North Anna nuclear stations. Also, there do not appear to be any problematic foreign ownership issues related to these licenses that would result from the proposed merger and associated transactions. Thus, the proposed merger will not affect the qualifications of Virginia Power as holder of the licenses, and the proposed merger otherwise appears to be consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission.

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Accordingly, the staff has no basis to object to the proposed merger. Also, as Virginia Power will remain the licensee, there is no need to amend the Surry and North Anna licenses.

This completes our effort regarding your submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gordon E. Edison".

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Original signed by G. Edison

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