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The Honorable James Richard Perry  
Secretary of the Energy  
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1000 Independence Ave, SW  
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*Re: Report on Yorktown Units 1 and 2 Revised Transmission Project Schedule and  
February 8, 2019 Renewal Application Withdrawal - Order No. 202-18-6*

Dear Secretary Perry:

Pursuant to Order No. 202-18-6 (“Order”) issued December 6, 2018, by the Secretary of Energy (“Secretary”) and the commitment stated in the application for a 30 day renewal of the Order submitted on February 8, 2019 (“February 8 Application”), PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”) respectfully submit this update to the Skiffes Creek Construction Transmission Outage Schedule as of February 27, 2019, and request withdrawal of the February 8 Application. This submission is in accordance with the Secretary’s directive that PJM and Dominion Energy Virginia provide updated outage schedules the event the schedule or emission estimates change from those presented in the PJM Renewal Application Filing dated November 13, 2018 (“November 13 Application”) within two weeks of the change.<sup>1</sup>

## **I. BACKGROUND**

In the November 13 Application, PJM explained that construction of the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project began in July 10, 2017, and was expected to take approximately 18-20

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<sup>1</sup> Order at 2.

months.<sup>2</sup> As reported on October 12, 2017, the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project was scheduled to be completed May 12, 2019.<sup>3</sup> Subsequently, on March 16, 2018, PJM and Dominion Energy Virginia submitted a report updating the outage schedule for the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project (“March 16 Report”).<sup>4</sup> The March 12, 2018 Outage Schedule attached to the March 16 Report includes a revised construction schedule and planned transmission outage sequence, and Yorktown run time and emission estimates. On October 2, 2018, (“October 2, 2018 Report”), PJM and Dominion Energy Virginia reported that after December 18, 2018, Yorktown Units 1 and 2 will not be needed to support transmission outages but they will still be needed for peak load operations during the 2018-2019 winter period when Dominion Energy Virginia total load reaches approximately 19,500 MW (previously 18,400 MW).

In the February 8 Application, PJM notified the Secretary that Dominion Energy Virginia notified PJM of 2 successive changes to the estimated Skiffes Creek Transmission Project completion date:

1. On January 22, 2019, Dominion Energy Virginia notified PJM that the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project completion date moved up from March 31, 2019, to March 8, 2019; and
2. On February 6, 2019, Dominion Energy Virginia notified PJM that the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project completion date moved up from March 8, 2019, to February 28, 2019.

Nonetheless, PJM submitted the February 8 Application based on the need for a renewal order to meet the ongoing emergency for an additional 30 days to serve the public interest by allowing for the possibility of unforeseen delays in construction of the Skiffes Creek

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<sup>2</sup> Renewal Application at 10.

<sup>3</sup> Report on Yorktown Units 1 and 2 Revised Construction Schedule (“October 2017 Outage Schedule”).

<sup>4</sup> The March 16 Report was incorrectly dated March 16, 2017, but the Skiffes Creek Construction Transmission Outage Schedule attached thereto was correctly dated March 12, 2018.

Transmission Project. In the event of such construction delays, the emergency would continue to exist in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to a shortage of electric energy, a shortage of facilities for the generation of electric energy, and other causes for up to an additional 30 day period. In the February 8 Application, PJM stated that PJM and Dominion Energy Virginia will report on changes to the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project construction schedule and revised outage schedules as necessary in accordance with the Secretary's prior directives. PJM also stated that when the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project is completed, PJM will immediately notify the Secretary and DOE legal staff in writing via electronic mail.<sup>5</sup>

## **II. REPORT ON REVISED OUTAGE SCHEDULE AND WITHDRAWAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8 APPLICATION**

PJM hereby notifies the Secretary that on February 26, 2019, the 500 kV line for the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project was energized between Surry Station and Skiffes Creek Station.<sup>6</sup> With this final step of the Skiffes Creek Transmission Project completed, the emergency identified by the Secretary in the Order no longer exist in the North Hampton Roads area of Virginia and Yorktown Units 1 and 2 operations are no longer required to maintain grid reliability or for local area transmission issues as described in February 8 Application. Therefore, PJM respectfully withdraws the February 8 Application as is it no longer necessary for the Secretary to issue a renewal order.

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<sup>5</sup> February 8 Application, page 7.

<sup>6</sup> There are no changes to the emission's estimates reported on October 2, 2108, as a result of this construction schedule changes.

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Respectfully submitted,

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