

SUMMARY OF PJM INTERCONNECTION LLC'S REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ORDER PURSUANT TO FEDERAL POWER ACT SECTION 202(c)

Pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”),¹ Section 301(b) of the Department of Energy Organization Act² and the Department of Energy’s Rules of Practice and Procedure,³ PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (“PJM”) has on June 13 2017, submitted an application requesting the Secretary of Energy (“Secretary”) find an emergency exists within the meaning of FPA Section 202(c) that requires targeted and temporary intervention by the Secretary in order to preserve the reliability of the bulk power grid in the North Hampton Roads area⁴ on the Virginia Peninsula in the Commonwealth of Virginia (“Virginia Peninsula”).

Through this application, PJM, as the regional transmission organization (“RTO”) responsible for the reliability of the bulk power grid serving the Commonwealth of Virginia, seeks limited authorization from the Secretary for PJM to direct Virginia Electric and Power Company (“Dominion Energy Virginia”) to operate, and for Dominion Energy Virginia to operate, on a contingent basis, the Yorktown coal-fired units (the “Yorktown Units 1 & 2”) at Dominion Energy Virginia’s Yorktown Power Station when needed to avoid loss of electric power to customers on the Virginia Peninsula during certain peak periods.⁵ Such authorization is temporary in nature and needed to meet an emergency and serve the public interest on the Virginia Peninsula as a result of the April 15, 2017, deadline for compliance with Environmental Protection Agency’s Mercury and Air Toxics rules for Yorktown Units 1 & 2. Such authorization is needed on a temporary but ongoing basis until adequate transmission infrastructure can be placed into service in accordance with the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Plan and siting approval of the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This request in no way is intended as a substitute for the need for transmission infrastructure on the Virginia Peninsula in accordance with the findings of the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Plan and the Virginia Corporation Commission.

Given the extended nature of the emergency PJM proposes a process of rolling 90 day renewals of the Secretary’s emergency order provided PJM and Dominion Energy Virginia submits reports to the DOE that will allow the Secretary to review past action under the order and the continued need for the emergency relief under the order prior to each 90-day expiration period.

¹ 16 U.S.C. § 824a

² 42 U.S.C. § § 7101 and 7151(b)

³ 16 C.F.R. §§ 205.370, 205.371 and 205.372 and 205.373

⁴ The North Hampton Roads load area includes the following: Charles City County, James City County, York County, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Newport News, Poquoson, Hampton, Essex County, King William County, King and Queen County, Middlesex County, Mathews County, Gloucester County, the City of West Point, King George County, Westmoreland County, Northumberland County, Richmond County, Lancaster County, and the City of Colonial Beach.

⁵ As the application contains Critical Electric Infrastructure Information (CEII), its contents are protected from public disclosure consistent with the CEII regulations of the Department of Energy.