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Board of Managers
c/o David E. Mills, President & Chief Executive Officer
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RE: Support for the Valley Link Joshua Falls – Yeat 765 kV Transmission Project and the Requested Yeat Substation Relocation

Dear Members of the Board of Managers:

On behalf of the undersigned business organizations representing employers and communities across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the broader National Capital region, we write to express our strong support for PJM Interconnection’s continued progress on the Valley Link Joshua Falls – Yeat transmission project, including the requested relocation of the Yeat substation. As the regional transmission organization charged by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with maintaining the reliability and stability of the electric grid serving 13 states and the District of Columbia, PJM has both the responsibility and the expertise to make the difficult infrastructure decisions our region’s economic future depends upon.

We recognize the rigor that PJM applied throughout the 2024 competitive open window. PJM did its due diligence, evaluating hundreds of regional and local solutions, including at least two dozen extra-high-voltage (EHV) proposals submitted through a competitive process to address the critical need to meet demand in Eastern PJM. That need is concentrated in Dominion Energy’s service territory, where economic development is driving load growth to unprecedented levels.

While we would all prefer that abundant and readily available generation resources existed within Virginia, the reality is that they do not, and we simply cannot build new generation fast enough to keep pace with the growing demand. It is also telling that nearly all the competitive EHV solutions evaluated included 765 kV infrastructure. Even if the Valley Link solution had not been selected, another 765 kV solution would have been, because that is the infrastructure the region requires to meet current and projected demand.

Much of the concern we have heard regarding 765 kV appears to stem from a misunderstanding of both the technology and the need. Let us be clear: to maintain electric reliability and preserve our economic competitiveness, the region needs durable infrastructure such as the Valley Link Joshua Falls – Yeat project to alleviate system congestion and deliver much-needed power by 2029. This aligns directly with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation’s Long-Term Reliability Assessment, which has identified PJM as being at “extreme risk” of resource inadequacy by 2030.

Without the ability to transport electricity in bulk capacity, Virginia faces serious consequences, including system outages that would not be isolated to Northern Virginia but would extend across the entire Commonwealth, which relies on the reliability of Dominion Energy’s transmission system. The stakes for our employers, our workers, and the families they support could hardly be higher.

PJM is not alone in its analysis that 765 kV infrastructure is the best solution for moving large volumes of electricity across long distances to meet critical demand. Other grid operators have reached the same

conclusion and are acting on it: the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) has approved nearly 2,000 miles of 765 kV infrastructure; the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) has approved nearly 1,000 miles; and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has approved nearly 2,500 miles. The Valley Link project places PJM squarely within this well-established national consensus.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge PJM to continue moving forward with the course it has set in approving the Valley Link Joshua Falls – Yeat transmission project, including the requested Yeat substation relocation. Delays would be more costly to ratepayers and would endanger grid reliability at precisely the moment our region can least afford it. We stand ready to support PJM and our partners in advancing this vital infrastructure.

Respectfully,



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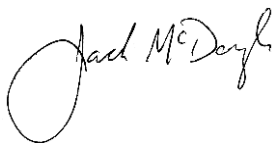
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