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APPLICATION OF

NEXTERA ENERGY TRANSMISSION  
VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUR-2026-00018

For approval and certification of electric transmission facilities under Va. Code § 56-46.1 and the Utility Facilities Act, Va. Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.*

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On March 6, 2026, NextEra Energy Transmission Virginia, Inc. (“NEET VA” or “Company”) filed with the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) an application (“Application”) seeking approval of, and a certificate of public convenience and necessity (“CPCN”) for, electric transmission facilities in Frederick County, Virginia.<sup>1</sup> NEET VA filed its Application pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.*

According to the Application, NEET VA proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain the Virginia portions of a new, approximately 107.5-mile, 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line that would also cross through Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, collectively known as the MidAtlantic Resiliency Link Project (“MARL Project”).<sup>2</sup> The Company states that this Application concerns a new 500/138 kV Woodside Substation,<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Application at 1, 7, 14.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2. The Company states that the portions of the MARL Project outside of Virginia would be constructed, owned, and operated by NEET VA’s affiliate, NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic, Inc. (“NEET MA”). *Id.* at 2, n.2. NEET VA asserts that it will submit a petition for Commission approval and authority to enter into affiliate agreements under Chapter 4 of Title 56 of the Code. *Id.* at 1, n.1.

<sup>3</sup> The Company asserts that the Woodside Substation is subject to local siting jurisdiction. *Id.* at 2, n.2 (citing *BASF Corp. v. State Corp. Comm’n*, 289 Va. 375 (2015)).

approximately 2.4 miles of 500 kV transmission line, and related facilities in Frederick County, Virginia (“Virginia Portions”).<sup>4</sup> Specifically, NEET VA states that the MARL Project would enter Virginia in Frederick County, traversing approximately 2.4 miles and terminating at a handoff point where it would connect to new 500 kV transmission lines to be constructed by FirstEnergy Corp. (“FirstEnergy”) and Virginia Electric and Power Company (“Dominion”).<sup>5</sup> The Company has identified a proposed route for the Virginia Portions of the MARL Project, which would be approximately 2.4 miles in length in Frederick County and which would terminate at a handoff point with FirstEnergy, where the MARL Project would interconnect with new transmission lines to be constructed by FirstEnergy approximately 1.5 miles east of Gore, Virginia.<sup>6</sup> The Company also plans to construct the new Woodside Substation in Frederick County that would interconnect with four existing and new transmission lines owned by Dominion and FirstEnergy.<sup>7</sup> NEET VA states that once constructed and placed into service, functional control of the entire MARL Project would be turned over to PJM Interconnection,

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<sup>4</sup> Application at 2. The Company states that NEET VA and NEET MA would also perform additional work as part of the Virginia Portions of the MARL Project: 138 kV Woodside-Stonewall Circuits 1 & 2, approximately 1,150 feet in length, would exit the new Woodside Substation and extend to a new, approximately 75-foot double-circuit steel monopole dead-end turning structure installed on a reinforced concrete pier foundation; would then proceed to a new, approximately 75-foot double-circuit steel monopole tangent structure installed on a reinforced concrete pier foundation; and would change ownership with FirstEnergy (Potomac Edison) on a new third structure outside of Woodside Substation. *Id.* at 2, n.3. NEET VA and NEET MA maintain the work described for their portions of Woodside-Stonewall Circuits 1 & 2 qualifies as an “ordinary extension[] or improvement[] in the usual course of business” (*i.e.*, “ordinary course”) pursuant to Code § 56-265.2 A 1, and therefore does not require approval pursuant to Code § 56-46.1 B nor a CPCN from the Commission. *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 7.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

LLC (“PJM”); thereafter, NEET VA’s affiliate, NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc., would monitor, operate, and maintain the MARL Project on a 24/7 basis.<sup>8</sup>

NEET VA anticipates installing a total of 13 structures on the Virginia Portions of its proposed route, with typical structure heights ranging from 115 to 190 feet tall, with an average height of approximately 150 feet and an average span length between transmission structures of approximately 1,015 feet.<sup>9</sup> The Company asserts that the entire 2.4 miles of right-of-way (“ROW”) for the Virginia Portions of the MARL Project would require new property rights for new-build transmission line; thus, NEET VA would require new easements on 17 parcels.<sup>10</sup> The Company requests that the Commission grant it the flexibility to adjust the location of its ROW within a 200-foot to 500-foot siting corridor, averring that this may be necessary for a number of reasons, including addressing landholder requests, as well as conditions and constraints that may be identified by on-the-ground surveys, utility engineering, and title searches.<sup>11</sup>

In the Application, NEET VA asserts that the MARL Project is critically needed to meet the demands for electric service in Virginia and is necessary for the continued safe and reliable operation of the 500 kV transmission system serving Virginia and surrounding states.<sup>12</sup> Specifically, according to the Company, PJM’s reliability testing has revealed that the existing bulk electric system that serves Virginia customers and the greater PJM interconnection requires new transmission pathways to reliably move power across the region due to significant electric

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<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 9.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 4.

generation retirements and electric load growth.<sup>13</sup> The Company further claims that if the MARL Project is not constructed, the bulk 500 kV transmission system currently serving Virginia and the surrounding PJM region will be at risk of becoming severely overloaded, which could lead to widespread and extreme conditions, such as system collapse and blackouts, as early as 2027.<sup>14</sup>

The Company states that NEET MA and PJM executed a Designated Entity Agreement (“DEA”) for the MARL Project on February 21, 2025, which was accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) on May 8, 2025.<sup>15</sup> Under the DEA, NEET VA is obligated to complete the Woodside Substation by December 31, 2028, and NEET VA and NEET MA are obligated to complete the overall MARL Project and place it into service by December 31, 2031.<sup>16</sup> The Company maintains that PJM has requested that NEET VA and NEET MA take all reasonable actions for obtaining approvals and completing construction of the transmission line as soon as is practicable and closer to the identified need date of 2027-2028.<sup>17</sup>

The Company represents that the estimated conceptual cost of the entire MARL Project is approximately \$1,167,200,000 (in 2031 dollars).<sup>18</sup> The total cost estimate for the Virginia Portions is approximately \$305,000,000, which includes a cost estimate of approximately

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<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* at 6.

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* NEET MA, NEET VA, and PJM executed an amendment to the DEA on November 21, 2025, which was accepted by FERC on February 18, 2026. *Id.*

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 9-10.

<sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 10.

<sup>18</sup> Application at 11.

\$19,000,000 for the transmission line and approximately \$286,000,000 for the Woodside Substation.<sup>19</sup>

In conjunction with its Application, NEET VA filed a Motion for Limited Waiver of Commission Rule (“Waiver Motion”), wherein the Company seeks a waiver of the requirements of Rule 5 VAC 5-20-110 and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-170 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules of Practice”)<sup>20</sup> pertaining to the Commission’s requirement to file an original and 15 copies of the confidential version of the Company’s Application. Finally, NEET VA simultaneously filed a Motion for Entry of a Protective Ruling (“Protective Order Motion”).

As provided by Code § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2, the Commission and the State Water Control Board (“Board”) consult on wetland impacts prior to the siting of electric utility facilities that require a CPCN. Acting on behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) must prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Application, as required by the Code and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality – State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts (July 2003).<sup>21</sup> The Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) has requested that the Office of Wetlands and Stream Protection at DEQ provide the Wetland Impacts Consultation for the Virginia Portions of the MARL Project.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> *Id.* NEET VA asserts that the costs for the entire MARL Project will be recovered through transmission rates subject to FERC’s exclusive jurisdiction and will be allocated by PJM to Load Serving Entities under the terms of PJM’s FERC-approved Open Access Transmission Tariff. *Id.* at 12.

<sup>20</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

<sup>21</sup> *In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the State Water Control Board and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2003-00114, 2003 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 474, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (July 30, 2003).

<sup>22</sup> Letter from Clay F. Kulesza, State Corporation Commission, dated March 9, 2026, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2026-00018.

As provided by Code §§ 10.1-1186.2:1 B and 56-46.1 A, the Commission and DEQ coordinate reviews of the environmental impact of electric generating plants and associated facilities. Pursuant to the Code and consistent with the Department of Environmental Quality – State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Coordination of Reviews of the Environmental Impacts of Proposed Electric Generating Plants and Associated Facilities (August 2002),<sup>23</sup> the Commission receives and considers reports on proposed facilities from state environmental agencies. Staff has requested that the DEQ coordinate an environmental review of this Application by the appropriate agencies and provide a report on the review.<sup>24</sup>

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; NEET VA should give notice of its Application to interested persons and the public; public hearings should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or participate as respondents in this proceeding; and Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon.

Additionally, we find this matter should be assigned to a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings on behalf of the Commission, including ruling on the Company's Protective Order Motion, and filing a final report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and

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<sup>23</sup> *In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2002-00315, 2002 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 559, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (Aug. 14, 2002).

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recommendations. Based on the particular facts of this case, we find that NEET VA's Waiver Motion should be granted.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2026-00018.
- (2) All pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice. Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.
- (3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, all parties and Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by Code § 12.1-31 and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter on behalf of the Commission, including ruling on NEET VA's Protective Order Motion and filing a final report containing the Hearing Examiner's findings and recommendations. A copy of each filing made with the Commission's Clerk's Office in this matter shall also be sent electronically to the Office of the Hearing Examiners.<sup>25</sup>

(5) The Commission schedules a telephonic portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:

- (a) The portion of the hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on October 14, 2026.
- (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- (c) On or before October 6, 2026, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Hearing Examiner to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting); or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
- (d) Beginning at 10 a.m. on October 14, 2026, the Hearing Examiner appointed to this case will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify, if any, as provided above.
- (e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting).

(6) The evidentiary portion of the hearing shall be convened at 10 a.m. on October 14, 2026, or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main

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<sup>25</sup> Such electronic copies shall be sent to: [OHEparalegals@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:OHEparalegals@scc.virginia.gov).

Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff.

(7) An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Andrew J. Flavin, Esq., Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, 1001 Haxall Point, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [andy.flavin@troutman.com](mailto:andy.flavin@troutman.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/case-information](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information).

(8) On or before May 8, 2026, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (9) to all owners of property within 250 feet of the Proposed Route and the Alternative Routes described therein, as of the date of this Order and as indicated on the map or sketch of the routes filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by mailing the documents to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance, treasurer, or other officer of the county or municipality designated as provided by Code § 58.1-3100 *et seq.*

(9) On or before May 8, 2026, the Company shall cause the following notice and sketch map of the Proposed Route and the Alternative Routes, as shown in Attachment V.A. on page 527 of the Appendix to the Application, to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation in Frederick County, Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
NEXTERA ENERGY TRANSMISSION VIRGINIA, INC.  
FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES  
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construction of the transmission line as soon as is practicable and closer to the identified need date of 2027-2028.

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### **Description of Routes for the Proposed MARL Project, Virginia Portions**

#### **Proposed Route (Alternative Routes A, C, D, and E)**

The Proposed Route would enter Virginia in Frederick County at MP 105.0 (as measured on the Proposed Route) approximately 0.2 miles southeast of Sirbaugh Road and 0.6 miles northwest of Hollow Road and Fletcher Road. The alignment would continue southeast, paralleling an existing 500 kV transmission corridor for 0.3 miles. The Proposed Route would then deviate away from the existing 500 kV transmission corridor for 0.6 miles to avoid residential properties on Fletcher Road. The Proposed Route would then continue in a southeasterly direction, crossing Fletcher Road approximately 0.3 miles south of the intersection of Fletcher Road and the Northwestern Pike, until reaching the existing transmission corridor. At this point, the route would cross the corridor perpendicularly, crossing both 500 kV and 138 kV transmission lines near MP 106.2 (as measured on Alternative Route A), approximately 0.2 miles north of the Isaacs Creek Dam. Once the Proposed Route crossed the transmission line corridors, it immediately would head east, paralleling the transmission line corridors on the south side and crossing over Isaacs Creek at MP 106.5, approximately 0.3 miles northeast of the Isaacs Creek Dam. Near MP 106.7 (as measured on the Proposed Route), the Proposed Route would deviate away from the existing transmission lines to avoid a substation and residential development, crossing Parishville Road approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Parishville Road and Anchorage Lane and terminating at the handoff point approximately 0.4 miles west from where the existing transmission lines cross the Northwestern Pike,

approximately 1.3 miles northwest of the Gore Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station.

Within the Virginia Portions, the minimum structure height would be 115 feet; the maximum structure height would be 190 feet; and the average structure height would be 150 feet.

### **Alternative Route (Alternative Routes B and F)**

The Alternative Route would enter Virginia in Frederick County at MP 104.9, less than 200 feet north from where the shared alignment of the Proposed Route and Alternative Route would enter Virginia, approximately 0.2 miles southeast of Sirbaugh Road and 0.6 miles northwest of Hollow Road and Fletcher Road. The Alternative Route would continue northeasterly for 0.5 miles, crossing Evelyn Lee Lane approximately 0.3 miles southwest of the Northwest Pike, then turning southeasterly, meeting up with the Proposed Route near MP 105.6 and continuing to follow the Proposed Route alignment, continuing in a southeasterly direction, crossing Fletcher Road approximately 0.3 miles south of the intersection of Fletcher Road and the Northwestern Pike, until reaching the existing transmission line corridor. At this point, the Alternative Route would cross the corridor perpendicularly, crossing a 500 kV transmission line and a 138 kV transmission line near MP 106.0, approximately 0.2 miles north of the Isaacs Creek Dam. Once the Alternative Route crossed the transmission line corridors, it would immediately head east, paralleling the transmission line corridors on the south side and crossing over Isaacs Creek approximately 0.3 miles northeast of the Isaacs Creek Dam. Near MP 106.5, the Alternative Route would deviate away from the existing transmission line corridors, crossing Parishville Road approximately 0.3 miles northeast of the intersection of Parishville Road and Anchorage Lane and terminating at the handoff point approximately 0.4 miles west from where the existing transmission lines cross the Northwestern Pike, approximately 1.3 miles northwest of the Gore Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station.

Within the Virginia Portions, the minimum structure height would be 115 feet; the maximum structure height would be 190 feet; and the average structure height would be 150 feet.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website:

[scc.virginia.gov/consumers/public-utility/electricity-faqs/transmission-line-projects](http://scc.virginia.gov/consumers/public-utility/electricity-faqs/transmission-line-projects). A more complete description of the MARL Project also may be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on NEET VA's Application. On October 14, 2026, at 10 a.m., the Hearing Examiner assigned to this case will hold the telephonic portion of the hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before October 6, 2026, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting); or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting).

On October 14, 2026, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and has required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Andrew J. Flavin, Esq., Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, 1001 Haxall Point, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or [andy.flavin@troutman.com](mailto:andy.flavin@troutman.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies of the Application and other

documents filed in this case from the Commission's website:  
[scc.virginia.gov/case-information](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information).

On or before October 6, 2026, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00018.

On or before June 8, 2026, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation electronically on counsel to the Company, the Commission's Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00018.

On or before July 20, 2026, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling) any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served electronically on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to:

5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00018.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The public version of the Company's Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing may be viewed on the Commission's website at: [scc.virginia.gov/case-information](http://scc.virginia.gov/case-information).

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(10) On or before May 8, 2026, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town through which the Virginia Portions of the MARL Project are proposed to be built: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first-class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(11) On or before May 22, 2026, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (9) and (10), including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling).

(12) On or before May 22, 2026, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of the mailing of notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering

Paragraph (8). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of such information.

(13) On or before October 6, 2026, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments](https://scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00018.

(14) On or before June 8, 2026, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](https://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (13). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation electronically on counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00018.

(15) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve a copy of the Application on the respondent, unless such already has been provided to the respondent.

(16) On or before July 20, 2026, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](https://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling) any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (13). Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served electronically on Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00018.

(17) On or before September 15, 2026, Staff shall investigate the Application and file with the Clerk of the Commission its testimony and exhibits concerning the Application. Each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. A copy thereof shall be served electronically on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(18) On or before September 29, 2026, NEET VA shall file with the Clerk of the Commission any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony and exhibits electronically on Staff, all respondents, and DEQ.

(19) Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein,

all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(20) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within five (5) business days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 of the Rules of Practice, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed or the assigned Staff attorney, if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.<sup>26</sup> Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(21) NEET VA's Waiver Motion is granted as set forth herein.

(22) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

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<sup>26</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, [sec.virginia.gov/case-information](http://sec.virginia.gov/case-information), by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number PUR-2026-00018 in the appropriate box.