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**DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
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AND
RICHARD N. OLSEN, MAI
ON BEHALF OF
LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA
BEFORE THE
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF VIRGINIA
(CASE NOS. PUR-2024-00032) AND PUR-2024-00044
(COLLECTIVELY, THE CONSOLIDATED CASES)**

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS?

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Q. WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE?

A. Mr. Harvey and I have extensive specialized education and training in the fields of real estate appraisal and appraisal review. We are both professional certified general real estate appraisers, certified to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Harvey was awarded the MAI (Member, Appraisal Institute) designation from the Appraisal Institute in 1986 and the CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment Member) from the Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors, in 1998. Mr. Harvey is also a certified instructor and certified to teach real estate-appraisal-related courses and seminars in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Harvey was awarded the AQB Certified USPAP Instructor designation from the Appraisal Foundation in 2003 and is certified to teach the current edition in effect, USPAP, 2024 edition. Mr. Harvey's curriculum vitae is attached as **Exhibit WH-1**.

I was awarded the MAI (Member, Appraisal Institute) designation from the Appraisal Institute in 1986. My curriculum vitae is attached as **Exhibit WH-2**.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR FIELD OF EXPERTISE?

A. Mr. Harvey and I are both recognized as experts in the fields of real estate appraisal and appraisal review with a specialty in dealing with complex appraisal assignments.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. Counsel for the Respondents listed in the heading of this document ("Respondents") asked us to develop a combination of mass and single property appraisals in connection with Virginia Electric and Power Company's ("Dominion Energy Virginia" or "Dominion") Applications for Approval and Certification of Electric Transmission Facilities in Case No. PUR-2024-00032 for the 500-230 kV Aspen Substation, 500 kV Aspen-Goose Creek Line #5002, 500 kV and 230 kV Aspen-Golden Lines #5001 and #2333, 500-230 kV Golden Substation, and Lines #2081/#2150 Loop) and Case No. PUR-2024-00044 for the 230 kV Apollo-Twin Creeks Lines, and Twin Creeks, Sycolin Creek, Starlight, Lunar, and Apollo Substations (collectively, the "Consolidated Cases" per the Hearing Examiner's Ruling dated May 15, 2024).

The mass appraisal was to reflect the unimpaired and impaired value, if any impairment was found, of residential properties located along the approximate 4.5-mile-long Route 7 segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Loudoun County Parkway to Belmont Ridge Road and the approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Ashburn Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County, Virginia that are expected to be affected by Class 5 (External Conditions)

57 Detrimental Conditions caused by the planned 500/230 kV lines included in the
58 Consolidated Cases as “overhead aerial lines and towers.”

59 Counsel for the Respondents also requested that we opine on the expected
60 economic benefit of the planned 500/230 kV lines included in the Consolidated Cases as
61 “underground lines” along the same approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry Byrd
62 Highway (Route 7) near Ashburn Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun
63 County, Virginia.

64 The purpose of my testimony is to explain how we performed these analyses and
65 to report our conclusions and opinions.

66 **Q. HAVE YOU EVER UNDERTAKEN THIS TYPE OF ANALYSIS?**

67 **A.** Yes, we have previously undertaken the valuation of transportation and utility
68 corridors including damage estimates caused by Class 5 (External Conditions) Detrimental
69 Conditions such as high voltage overhead transmission lines (HVOTLs) and underground
70 gas transmission lines (UGTLs).

71 Our experience in developing both mass and single property appraisals involving
72 transportation and utility corridors in Virginia and the mid-Atlantic region includes the
73 Alexandria Renew’s RiverRenew Tunnel Project (Old Town Alexandria, VA), Atlantic
74 Coast Pipeline (numerous counties in NC, VA and WV), DC Water’s Potomac River
75 Tunnel (NW Washington, DC), Dulles Greenway (Loudoun County, VA), Dulles Toll
76 Road Right-of-Way for Metrorail’s Silver Line Extension (Fairfax and Loudoun County,
77 VA), Colonial Pipeline Co.’s gas transmission lines (Fairfax and Loudoun County, VA),
78 Columbia Gas’s transmission lines (Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Goochland and
79 Louisa County, VA), Dominion Virginia Energy’s distribution and transmission lines

(Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Rappahannock County, VA), and TRANSCO's transmission lines (Fairfax County, VA).

We have substantial experience in mass appraisals conducted for easements and rights-of-way in eminent domain proceedings for public road and utility projects as well as conservation easements for private charitable contributions.

Q. HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS ON PROPERTY VALUATION ISSUES?

A. Yes, both Mr. Harvey and I have both qualified and testified as an expert witness in the fields of real estate appraisal and appraisal review. Mr. Harvey has testified in the Circuit Court for Albemarle County, Virginia; Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria, Virginia; Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia; Circuit Court for Augusta County, Virginia; Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia (numerous cases); Circuit Court for Goochland County, Virginia; Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Virginia (numerous cases); Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland; Circuit Court for Prince Georges County, Maryland; Circuit Court for Prince William County, Virginia (numerous cases); Circuit Court for Stafford County, Virginia; Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland; General District Court for Loudoun County, Virginia; Superior Court of the District of Columbia; United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland; United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (numerous cases); United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey; United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; United States Court of Federal Claims (court-appointed expert); United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia; and United States House of Representatives, House Committee on Financial Services.

103 Mr. Harvey has also served as an expert witness on numerous real estate valuation
104 matters for clients such as Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Columbia Gas Transmission, Dominion
105 Virginia Energy, Maryland State Highway Administration, Metropolitan Washington
106 Airports Authority, State Highway and Transportation Commissioner of Virginia, and
107 Virginia State Corporation Commission.

108 I have testified in the Circuit Court for Loudoun County, Virginia (several times),
109 and the Circuit Court for Prince William County, Virginia.

110 I have also served as an expert witness on numerous real estate valuation matters
111 for clients such as Alexandria Renew, Columbia Gas Transmission, Dominion Virginia
112 Energy, Maryland State Highway Administration, and State Highway and Transportation
113 Commissioner of Virginia.

114 **Q. DO APPRAISERS HAVE TO MEET ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS?**

115 A. Yes, per the *Code of Virginia*, Title 54.1, Chapter 20.1, §§ 54.1-2009-2019,
116 appraisers must be licensed and are regulated by the Virginia Real Estate Appraiser Board
117 (VREAB). The VREAB rules and regulations are set forth in the *Virginia Administrative*
118 *Code*, Chapter 20, §§ 18 VAC 130-20-10 through 130-20-250.

119 18 VAC 130-20-170 requires a Virginia-licensed real estate appraiser to comply
120 with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) in effect at the
121 time the appraisal is developed. USPAP consist of the standards promulgated by the
122 Appraisal Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation for use by all appraisers in the
123 development and preparation of appraisal reports. The edition currently in effect is USPAP,
124 2024 edition.

125 As members of the Appraisal Institute, Mr. Harvey and I are also required to
126 conform our work to the Appraisal Institute's Code of Ethics and Standards of Valuation
127 Practice.

128 **Q. DO APPRAISERS FOLLOW DIFFERENT RULES WHEN ANALYZING A**
129 **GROUP OF PROPERTIES VERSUS A SINGLE PROPERTY?**

130 A. Yes, USPAP has different standard rules for single property appraisal, appraisal
131 review and mass appraisal. The development and reporting of a single property appraisal
132 must conform to USPAP Standards 1 and 2; whereas, USPAP Standards 3 and 4 are
133 controlling on the development and reporting of an appraisal review.

134 A mass appraisal involving a universe of properties must conform to USPAP
135 Standards 5 and 6. While mass appraisals are more commonly performed for ad valorem
136 property taxation purposes, any group of properties can be the subject of a mass appraisal.
137 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE CONSOLIDATED CASES INCLUDING THE**
138 **VARIOUS ROUTES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR THE 500/230 KV**
139 **LINES?**

140 A. Yes, I am familiar with Dominion's PUR Applications for Case Nos. PUR-2024-
141 00032 and PUR-2024-00044 and the routes that have been brought into this case; however,
142 the focus of our analysis was limited to the approximate 4.5-mile-long Route 7 segment of
143 Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Loudoun County Parkway to Belmont Ridge Road
144 and the approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near
145 Ashburn Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County, Virginia that the
146 Respondents propose to be undergrounded.

147 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT YOU DID TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH
148 THE CONSOLIDATED CASES?

149 A. The scope of work we followed for this assignment included a careful reading of
150 Dominion's Applications for Case Nos. PUR-2024-00032 and PUR-2024-00044,
151 monitoring the SCC's docket for Case Nos. PUR-2024-00032 and PUR-2024-00044,
152 collecting and analyzing public records for the residential parcels along the approximate
153 4.5-mile-long Route 7 segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Loudoun County
154 Parkway to Belmont Ridge Road and the approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry
155 Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Ashburn Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road in
156 Loudoun County, Virginia, and physically inspecting a sampling of those subject parcels.

157 Q. WHAT WAS YOUR PURPOSE IN VALUING THE REAL ESTATE ASPECTS OF
158 THE CONSOLIDATED CASES?

159 A. The purpose was twofold. First, to study and analyze the affect that existing high
160 voltage overhead transmission lines ("HVOTLs") have on residential property values in
161 the Loudoun County submarket and to apply the results of such studies to the residential
162 properties located along the approximate 4.5-mile-long Route 7 segment of Harry Byrd
163 Highway (Route 7) near Loudoun County Parkway to Belmont Ridge Road and the
164 approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Ashburn
165 Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road that will have a view of the planned 500/230kV
166 lines and towers along that segment.

167 Second, to study and analyze the expected economic benefit of undergrounding the
168 planned 500/230 kV lines along the 2.0-mile-long segment.

169 Q. DID YOU CONDUCT YOUR VALUATION WITH RESPECT TO EACH OF THE
170 ROUTES THAT ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THESE CONSOLIDATED
171 CASES?

172 A. No, our valuation was limited to Dominion's proposed route along the approximate
173 4.5-mile-long Route 7 segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Loudoun County
174 Parkway to Belmont Ridge Road and the approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry
175 Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Ashburn Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road in
176 Loudoun County, Virginia.

177 Q. WHAT PROCEDURE DID YOU FOLLOW TO ANSWER THE APPRAISAL
178 PROBLEM AT ISSUE?

179 A. We followed the valuation process to answer our client's question regarding the
180 potential impact the planned 500/230 kV lines and towers will have on residential real
181 estate located along the approximate 4.5-mile-long Route 7 segment of Harry Byrd
182 Highway (Route 7) near Loudoun County Parkway to Belmont Ridge Road and the
183 approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Ashburn
184 Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County, Virginia. The valuation
185 process is a systematic procedure that can be adapted to a wide variety of questions that
186 relate to value.

187 The valuation process is accomplished through specific steps. The number of steps
188 followed depends on the nature of the appraisal assignment and the available data. The
189 model provides a pattern that can be used in any appraisal assignment to perform market
190 research and data analysis, apply appraisal techniques, and integrate the results of these
191 activities into an opinion of defined value. The Appraisal of Real Estate, 31 (15th ed. 2020).

The steps in the valuation process we used to develop the valuation of the residential properties along the segment of the planned route at issue are illustrated on attached **Exhibit WH-3**.

Q. HOW DO APPRAISERS EVALUATE DETRIMENTAL CONDITIONS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE?

A. The current appraisal body of knowledge, which is composed of appraisal-related courses, seminars, standards and textbooks, is the authoritative source of recognized methods and techniques for valuation practitioners and includes the tools for detrimental condition analysis. "The basic tools for detrimental condition analysis are:

- The detrimental condition matrix
- The detrimental condition model
- The Bell Chart
- The three approaches to value" Real Estate Damages, 19 (3rd ed. 2016).

"The detrimental condition matrix addresses the life cycle of the effects on real estate with three potential stages: 1) the assessment stage (before repair), 2) the repair stage (during repair), and 3) the ongoing stage (after repair), along with cost, use, and risk issues that could potentially impact value during each stage. However, not every stage is necessarily relevant to every detrimental condition." *Id.* 20. For example, when a HVOTL is developed near a residential neighborhood, there is typically only an ongoing stage and no assessment or repair stage.

The detrimental condition (DC) model includes all possible stages and the variety of patterns that may occur on a property's value over the detrimental condition's life cycle and are illustrated on attached **Exhibit WH-4**. The variety of patterns are reflected as A,

215 B, C, D E & F on the illustration with each leg representing a change in the value pattern.
216 Again, it is important to note that many detrimental conditions do not include all of the
217 stages that are depicted. In the example involving a HVOTL developed near a residential
218 neighborhood, the unimpaired value (A) becomes impaired once the HVOTL is
219 constructed (B) and the impairment is permanent (C).

220 The Bell Chart organizes all detrimental conditions into ten standard categories: (1)
221 general conditions, (2) transactional conditions, (3) distress and sociological conditions,
222 (4) legal conditions, (5) *external conditions*, (6) building and manufacturing conditions,
223 (7) site and infrastructure conditions, (8) environmental and biomedical conditions, (9)
224 conservation conditions, and (10) natural and climate conditions (emphasis added). *Id.*,
225 137.

226 In the example involving a HVOTL developed near a residential neighborhood, the
227 Bell Chart classifies that situation as a Class 5 (External Conditions) detrimental condition,
228 which includes "many different types of neighborhood nuisances, such as prisons,
229 tunnelling projects under properties, power plants, sewage treatment plants, landfills,
230 airport noise, *transmission lines*, cellular towers, and *view diminution* and privacy issues
231 (emphasis added)." *Ibid.*

232 **Q. WHAT GENERALLY ACCEPTED APPRAISAL METHOD DID YOU USE TO**
233 **ESTIMATE THE REAL ESTATE VALUES FOR THE ROUTE SEGMENT AT**
234 **ISSUE?**

235 A. The mass appraisal developed for this assignment was based on the sales
236 comparison approach to value, which is one of the three traditional approaches used to
237 value improved property. The mass appraisal was developed using a property valuation

238 model that extended the 2024 assessments for the properties at issue in order to reflect their
239 unimpaired value as of a current date by employing calibrated parameters. Said 2024
240 assessments were originally developed by the Loudoun County Commissioner of the
241 Revenue's office with an effective date of January 1, 2024. We brought those values current
242 to today by adjusting the data using an assessment-to-sales ratio that was developed using
243 recent sales and comparing their prices to their assessments at the time of sale.

244 The single property appraisals were also developed by the sales comparison
245 approach using the paired sales analysis, which is a recognized quantitative technique used
246 to identify and measure adjustments to the sale prices of comparable properties. To apply
247 this technique, sales data on nearly identical properties, or adjusted data, is compared to
248 isolate and estimate a single characteristic's effect on value. In this instance, the single
249 characteristic that was isolated was the view disamenity that will be caused by Dominion's
250 planned 500/230 kV lines and towers along the approximate 4.5-mile-long Route 7
251 segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) near Loudoun County Parkway to Belmont
252 Ridge Road and the approximate 2.0-mile-long segment of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7)
253 near Ashburn Village Boulevard to Belmont Ridge Road in Loudoun County, Virginia.

254 This type of analysis compares properties impacted by HVOTLs with unimpaired
255 properties in the same location that share comparable characteristics. If a legitimate
256 detrimental condition exists, there is a measurable and consistent difference between the
257 two sets of market data; if not, there is no significant difference between the two sets of
258 data.

259 **Q. HOW IS THE SALES COMPARISON APPROACH DEVELOPED FOR A MASS**
260 **APPRAISAL INVOLVING A GROUP OF PARCELS?**

261 A. Mass appraisal builds on the same basic principles as single-property appraisal.
262 However, because it involves the appraisal of many properties as of a common date, mass
263 appraisal techniques emphasize equations, tables, and schedules, collectively called
264 models. Property Appraisal and Assessment Administration, 310 (1990).

265 Simply stated, single-property appraisal is the valuation of a particular property as
266 of a given date; mass appraisal is the valuation of many properties as of a given date, using
267 standard procedures and statistical testing. The principal differences are in scale and quality
268 control. *Id.*, 88.

269 **Q. WHAT DO VALUATION MODELS DO?**

270 A. Valuation models attempt to perform several related functions, including to:
271 1. predict, replicate, or explain the fair market value of properties from real estate
272 data; and
273 2. represent the forces of supply and demand within particular markets; and
274 replicate one of the three traditional valuation approaches – the cost approach,
275 the sales comparison approach, or the income approach.

276 **Q. HOW DID YOU DESIGN THE ANALYSIS THAT YOU PERFORMED AT THE**
277 **REQUEST OF THE RESPONDENTS?**

278 A. Solving an appraisal problem that arises from a client's question or concerns about
279 the value of a property involves a three-step process. The steps are:
280 1. Identify the problem.
281 2. Plan the solution.
282 3. Apply the solution.

283 An appraiser's scope of work encompasses all of the steps taken in the appraisal
284 development process to answer the client's question. Every appraisal assignment must
285 begin with a clear understanding of seven parameters – client, intended users, intended use,
286 type of opinion, effective date, relevant characteristics about the assignment, and
287 assignment conditions.

288 The appraisal problem at issue involved an analysis of the impact the planned
289 500/230 kV lines and towers may have on the residential properties along the route
290 segments at issue. To solve the appraisal problem, our scope of work included identifying
291 and viewing a sample of the subject properties along the route at issue, collecting, verifying
292 and analyzing residential real estate transactions, developing and calibrating the sale
293 comparison models for the mass and single property appraisals that quantified the
294 comparative units value for the subject properties; and lastly applying the conclusions
295 reflected in the models to the characteristics of the properties that we appraised.

296 **Q. DID YOU HAVE SUFFICIENT DATA TO COMPLETE YOUR ANALYSIS?**

297 A. Yes, we found an ample supply of recent transactional data involving property
298 transactions for the purposes of developing the sales comparison models necessary for
299 credible assignment results. By analyzing real estate transactions comparable to the subject
300 properties along the route segment at issue, we were was able to reasonably ascertain the
301 impact that planned 500/230 kV lines and towers may have on nearby residential properties
302 along that same segment.

303 **Q. WHAT 2024 ASSESSMENT DATA DID YOU DEVELOP AND USE FOR THIS**
304 **CASE?**

305 A. The 2024 assessment data for the approximately 4,210 residential properties that
306 are located within the likely impact zone affected by Dominion's planned 500/230 kV lines
307 and towers along the approximate 4.5-mile-long Route 7 segment of Harry Byrd Highway
308 (Route 7) near Loudoun County Parkway to Belmont Ridge Road are illustrated on
309 attached **Exhibit WH-5**. The aggregate 2024 assessments total \$2,638,614,000 and are
310 effective as of January 1, 2024.

311 The 2024 assessment data for the approximately 1,830 residential properties that
312 are located within the likely impact zone along the route segment of underground lines at
313 issue are illustrated on attached **Exhibit WH-6**. The aggregate 2024 assessments total
314 \$1,391,379,610 and are effective as of January 1, 2024.

315 In order to bring the 2024 assessments at issue forward to a current value and
316 effective date, we multiplied the aggregate 2024 assessments total of \$2,638,614,000 by
317 an assessment-to-sales-ratio of 1.124, or 112.4%, which resulted in a current unimpaired
318 valuation of the residential properties along the Route 7 segment of \$2,965,802,136,
319 rounded to \$2,965,000,000. The aggregate 2024 assessments total of \$1,391,379,610 for
320 the underground route segment at issue was multiplied by the same assessment-to-sales
321 ratio of 1.124, or 112.4%, which resulted in a current unimpaired valuation of
322 \$1,563,910,682, rounded to \$1,565,000,000. The July 2024 sale data we used to analyze
323 and develop the current assessment-to-sales ratio are illustrated on attached **Exhibit WH-**
324 **7**.

325 **Q. WHAT CASE STUDIES DID YOU DEVELOP AND USE FOR THIS CASE?**

326 A. We developed paired sales analyses of residential properties located along one of
327 Dominion's pre-existing 500/230 kV lines and towers located in Loudoun County to

analyze the effect that these types of HVOTLs have on property values. The pre-existing 500/230 kV lines and towers that we studied are valid proxies for the likely impact Dominion's planned 500/230 kV lines and towers will have along the route segment at issue in this case.

The case studies revealed a diminution in value due to the proximity of Dominion's pre-existing 500/230 kV lines and towers between -1.0% and -19.2% with an average (mean) diminution of -8.5%.

The residential case studies we developed for this assignment for both the single-family detached and attached residences are illustrated on attached Exhibit WH-8.

Q. WHAT PEER-REVIEWED APPRAISAL LITERATURE DID YOU RESEARCH AND RELY UPON FOR THIS CASE?

A. The prior research on the effects of HVOTLs on property value dating back to the 1980s though today has been exhaustively reviewed in peer-reviewed appraisal literature and will not be repeated here ad infinitum. However, we have summarized five peer-reviewed learned treatises on this specialized topic to highlight how consistent their findings have been over the years. In general, the peer-reviewed appraisal literature we relied upon revealed that:

- When negative impacts are evident, studies report an average diminution of between 1% and 10% of property values.
- Where views of the lines and towers are completely unobstructed, negative impacts can extend up to a quarter mile or beyond depending on elevation.
- It has been found that high-end custom homes are generally more sensitive to the negative impacts of HVOTLs than lower-end homes.

- Research has found that the negative impacts on lots adjacent to or with a direct view of a tower may be slightly greater than impacts on lots further from the tower. This is most likely due to the visual obstruction from a tower is more substantial than the lines themselves.

A summary of the peer-reviewed appraisal literature we relied upon for this case is illustrated on attached **Exhibit WH-9**.

Q. WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT WILL BE POTENTIALLY IMPACTED BY DOMINION'S PLANNED 500/230 KV LINES AND TOWERS ALONG THE ROUTE SEGMENT AT ISSUE?

A. As a result of our research and analysis, including the graphic depictions of viewshed analyses provided by Dominion, it is our opinion that the geographic area that will be potentially impacted by Dominion's planned 500/230 kV lines and towers extends for a quarter mile to the north and south for most of the approximate Route 7 and 2.0-mile-long segments and extends to as much as three-quarters of a mile at the southwestern corner of the zone where the planned 500/230 kV lines and towers head south.

The approximate boundaries of the impact zone we analyzed for the Route 7 and 2.0-mile-long segments are shown on attached **Exhibits WH-10 and WH-11, respectively**.

Dominion's graphic depictions of viewshed analyses along parts of the estimated 2.0-mile impact zone further support our opinions and conclusions, and are illustrated on attached **Exhibit WH-12**.

372 Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF THE BASIS BY WHICH DOMINION'S REAL ESTATE
373 EXPERTS HAVE ESTIMATED THE IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
374 VALUES CAUSED BY HVOTLS?

375 A. Yes, based upon our view of a publicly available video of a town hall meeting held
376 at Belmont Middle School on August 29, 2023, a Dominion Energy representative, Rob
377 Richardson, asserted that "based upon the real estate experts that they have worked with
378 on numerous occasions, powerlines affecting property values result in a -4%, -5% or -6%
379 impact." "Dominion Power," YouTube, uploaded by @landsdownewoods763, August 29,
380 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Xw8qvvKgrQ>. The range in the diminution of
381 property values due to powerlines that is recognized by Dominion closely parallels that
382 which we found in peer-reviewed appraisal literature as well as the results of the case
383 studies we developed for this case.

384 Q. WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL IMPACT
385 THE PLANNED 500/230 KV LINES AND TOWERS WILL HAVE ON THE
386 RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE ALONG THE ROUTE SEGMENT AT ISSUE?

387 A. We applied the aforementioned -8.5% adjustment attributable to the comparable
388 Class 5 Detrimental Conditions reflected in the residential case studies to the unimpaired
389 valuation of the subject properties along the Route 7 segment of \$2,965,000,000, which
390 resulted in an impaired valuation of the subject properties of \$2,712,975,000. The
391 \$252,025,000 differential reflects the damages that are likely to result to the subject
392 properties along the Route 7 segment when Dominion's planned 500/230 kV lines and
393 towers along the Route 7 segment are constructed.

394 We also applied the aforementioned -8.5% adjustment to the unimpaired valuation
395 of the subject properties to the underground route segment at issue of \$1,565,000,000,
396 which resulted in an impaired valuation of the subject properties of \$1,431,975,000. The
397 \$133,025,000 differential reflects the damages that are likely to result to the subject
398 properties for the underground segment at issue.

399 The above estimate of damages is relatively straightforward and somewhat
400 conservative since the mid-range of the diminution in value of -8.5% was applied solely to
401 the approximately 1,830 residential properties that are located within the likely impact zone
402 affected by Dominion's planned 500/230 kV lines and towers along the route segment at
403 issue. Had we used the upper end of the range of -19.2% to better reflect the impact
404 resulting from Dominion's planned tower heights of up to 180-feet, the estimate of
405 damages would more than double.

406 Of additional note is the fact that there are several high-rise residential properties
407 located outside of our estimated impact zone that may be impaired due to their unobstructed
408 view of the planned 500/230 kV lines and towers as a result of their higher elevations that
409 increase the angle of an observer's line of sight – i.e., viewshed – as well as the
410 approximately 451 non-residential properties that are located within the likely impact zone
411 but not included in our damage estimate.

412 Additional damages that are difficult to quantify but are somewhat obvious on a
413 qualitative basis is the impairment to the lands encumbered with conservation and open
414 space easements, residential common areas, and Loudoun County's gateway corridor that
415 fall within our estimated impact zone.

416 Q. WHAT ARE YOUR CONCLUSIONS REGARDING THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT
 417 THAT WILL LIKELY RESULT IF THE PLANNED 500/230 KV LINES AND
 418 TOWERS ARE PLACED UNDERGROUND ALONG THE ROUTE SEGMENT AT
 419 ISSUE?

420 A. As a result of our research and analysis, it is our opinion that the economic benefit
 421 that will likely result if the planned 500/230 kV lines and towers are placed underground
 422 along the route segment at issue is not less than \$133,025,000.

423 Q. DO YOU CERTIFY THAT YOUR OPINIONS IN THIS CASE ARE STATED TO
 424 A REASONABLE DEGREE OF PROFESSIONAL CERTAINTY?

425 A. Yes, our signed statement of certification appears on attached Exhibit WH-13.

426 THANK YOU, MR. OLSEN. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

427