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Clerk of the State Corporation Commission  
c/o Document Control Center  
Case Number PUR-2026-00011  
P.O. Box 2118  
Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118

Re: Case No. PUR-2026-00011 — Virginia Electric and Power Company  
(VEPCO) Large-Load Connection Queue Process Standards

Dear Members of the Commission:

The Fauquier County Board of Supervisors appreciates the opportunity to comment on Case No. PUR-2026-00011, concerning Virginia Electric and Power Company's (VEPCO) proposed standards for its large-load connection queue process. As the Commission evaluates these standards, we respectfully request that any approval include a requirement that VEPCO maintain a continuously updated, publicly accessible database of all large-load interconnection requests in its queue, including VEPCO's projected date for electric service and the amount of electric service.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act directs the SCC and other state agencies to provide maximum transparency. Virginia's Freedom of Information Act (Va. Code § 2.2-3700 et seq.) establishes that public access to governmental information is essential to ensuring transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making. While VEPCO is not itself a public body under FOIA, the SCC is. The Commission's decisions, particularly those governing utility infrastructure and service availability directly shape local government planning, zoning, and fiscal policy. For localities to meaningfully participate in these processes, the underlying information must be accessible. A publicly available large-load queue database is consistent with FOIA's purpose and with the Commission's longstanding commitment to transparency in utility regulation.

Local Governments require accurate queue information to make land-use and budget decisions. Fauquier County is increasingly confronted with land-use applications for large-load facilities, especially data centers. These projects depend entirely on the timing and feasibility of electric service. Without clear, accurate, and timely information about where specific large-load requests stand in VEPCO's queue, we cannot evaluate whether proposed projects are realistically

serviceable, assess the timing of potential tax revenues for County budget purposes, plan and adopt annual budgets that rely on revenues associated with large-load facilities, make good land-use decisions that comport with infrastructure availability, and avoid approving projects that may be infeasible or subject to prolonged delay due to electric-service constraints. The absence of transparent queue information places local governments in the untenable position of making multimillion-dollar land-use and fiscal decisions based on incomplete or speculative data. This is neither efficient nor consistent with sound public policy.

The County and its residents deserve to know what VEPCO knows about when and how much electricity will be provided to specific large loads in the County. Further, to the extent that VEPCO asserts it has entered into Non-Disclosure Agreements with large-load data centers that would preclude making the queue information public, we request that you over-rule that argument based on your obligation under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to provide transparency and full public information. Placement of data centers in a queue for publicly regulated transmission service should not be considered proprietary to the data centers nor a safety/security threat. As such, the queuing information should not qualify for withholding under FOIA.

We therefore urge the Commission to require VEPCO to maintain a publicly accessible, continuously updated online database that includes, at minimum, location (generalized to parcel or substation level) of each large-load request, size of the requested load, date the request entered the queue, current queue position and status, and material changes affecting timing or feasibility. This level of transparency is essential for local governments to fulfill their statutory responsibilities in land-use planning, budgeting, and infrastructure coordination. It also ensures that the public can understand how large-load projects are prioritized and how utility infrastructure is being allocated across the Commonwealth. Furthermore, individual citizens and businesses in the vicinity of a large-load data center deserve to know this information as well for their own planning purposes.

We respectfully request that the Commission condition approval of VEPCO's proposed large-load connection queue standards on the creation and maintenance of a public, continuously updated queue database. This requirement would advance transparency, support informed local decision-making, and align with the principles embodied in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and for your continued service to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Carter, Chair  
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors