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RE: Waiver for Timing of Public Briefing Requirements under 9VAC5-80-1775 A. of the State Air Pollution Control Regulations

Dear Mr. Effinger:

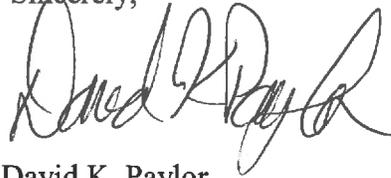
On March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In the Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, Executive Order 51, the Governor directed state agencies to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In doing so, he ordered authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation.

On June 29, 2020, Dominion Energy requested a waiver from 9VAC5-80-1775 A. to allow Dominion to extend the requirement to notify the public and schedule an applicant public briefing on a project for an additional 90 days. This request is for the pending permit action for a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit for a simple-cycle peaker plant co-located at the Dominion Chesterfield Power Station and for a PSD Significant Amendment action at the Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center. Dominion is requesting the waiver to be able to ensure that they can implement mandatory requirements and best practices for events involving access by the public. Specifically, they want to ensure they can meet guidelines relating to social distancing.

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DEQ is granting Dominion's request for the waiver to 9VAC5-80-1775 A. and granting the 90-day extension for the two projects. This waiver does not waive any other statutory requirements or limitations, nor does it amend any other regulatory requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David K. Paylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David K. Paylor