

## Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail

April 11, 2016

Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

## <u>Re: IR 15-296 Electric Distribution Utilities</u> Investigation into Grid Modernization

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Order No. 25,877, issued in the above-referenced docket by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Dominion Voltage, Inc. ("DVI") and Dominion Resources, Inc. ("DRI") would like to provide notice of our interest to jointly participate in the Grid Modernization Working Group. Pursuant to the Commission's filing requirements, I have enclosed an original and six (6) copies of this letter. This letter is also being filed electronically with copies to members of the Service List for this docket.

DRI is a publicly-traded, integrated energy company and is one of the nation's largest producers and transporters of energy. DRI's portfolio of assets includes approximately 24,300 MW of electric generation; 34,200 miles of natural gas transmission, gathering, and storage pipeline; and 63,800 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines. DRI's Corporate Public Policy department supports DVI on matters of regulatory affairs and public policy.

DVI, a subsidiary of DRI, holds, licenses, and sells software in the field of voltage optimization ("VO"), and also maintains the intellectual property rights to such software. To this end, DVI has developed an innovative, state-of-the-art software solution for voltage and volt-ampere reactive (var) control and optimization called EDGE® (which stands for Energy Distribution & Grid Efficiency) that can achieve advanced conservation voltage control ("CVR") that is translatable into energy savings for a utility and its customers and provides a foundational platform for further smart grid enhancements of the distribution grid, including DVI's grid voltage stabilization solution for integrating intermittent renewable energy distributed generation ("DG").

DVI and DRI collectively possess expertise in smart grid technologies and DG integration and, as such, are well positioned to further the key goals of the Commission's Investigation into Grid Modernization in New Hampshire. DVI has taken part in multiple grid modernization and advanced metering infrastructure business case proceedings around the country, including the Massachusetts Grid Modernization proceeding. Additionally, DVI and Dominion Energy Technologies, Inc. previously submitted Comments in the instant proceeding under the above-referenced docket on September 17, 2015. Accordingly, we respectfully request to be permitted to participate in the Commission's Grid Debra A. Howland April 11, 2016 Page 2

Modernization Working Group and to be added to the service list for the above-referenced docket. Below is my contact information as well as that of Malesia Taylor who will be serving as my alternate.

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Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Thank you for your consideration of including Dominion Voltage, Inc. and Dominion Resources, Inc. in the Working Group for your investigation into Grid Modernization.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Sarah B. Cosby</u> Public Policy Projects Manager, Corporate Public Policy

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