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Mr. James Bennett  
Director, Office of Renewable Energy Programs  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
45600 Woodland Road  
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**Re: Dominion Virginia Power; Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf, OCS-A 0483 – Fourth Semi-Annual Progress Report Submittal**

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Resources, Inc. (Dominion), is pleased to submit this fourth Semi-Annual Progress Report (the Report) as required by its Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0483; the Lease) effective November 1, 2013. Although Dominion's Site Assessment Term of the Lease has not commenced, as discussed with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) in an email dated June 2, 2014, Dominion established a schedule to submit a Semi-Annual Progress Report (per Lease Stipulation 2.2.1) on or around May 1 and November 1 of each year starting in 2014. This Report covers the period between May 1, 2015 and October 30, 2015 (the Reporting Period).

Dominion undertook the following activities during the Reporting Period, which are described in more detail later in the Report:

- Submitted an updated Site Assessment Plan (SAP) on August 31, 2015 in response to comments received from BOEM on June 29, 2015; and
- Requested a high resolution geophysical (HRG) survey timing amendment to the Lease.

**Activities during the Reporting Period**

*SAP Update*

Dominion submitted an updated SAP on August 31, 2015 describing the environmental monitoring equipment that will be deployed in the Lease area. This August 2015 SAP responded to comments from BOEM received on June 29, 2015. Specifically, Dominion expanded on the geological data analysis conducted at the proposed deployment location and included a revised marine archaeological resource assessment specific to the activities and location described in the SAP.

*Lease Amendment Request*

Dominion requested an amendment to the Lease on October 19, 2015. In the letter, Dominion asked that Stipulation 2.1.3 in Addendum "C" of the Lease be struck, as it has been in other commercial offshore wind leases off Delaware and Rhode Island/Massachusetts. Dominion intends to update the Construction

and Operations Plan (COP) Survey Plan and conduct a HRG survey at a later date to support the submittal of a COP in compliance with the Lease and 30 CFR 585.626 and 627. However, Dominion has determined that conducting the HRG survey in 2016, as required in the existing Lease, would be premature based on the intended development timeline and regulatory requirements.

**Next Steps**

Dominion will continue to develop the Phase I Wind Farm Area of the Commercial Offshore Wind Project in the next six months. Anticipated activities to be included in the fifth Semi-Annual Progress Report to be filed on April 29, 2016:

- Approval of the updated SAP by BOEM; and,
- BOEM's response to Dominion's HRG timing lease amendment request.

Thank you for BOEM's continued time and assistance as we move forward with offshore wind development. Please contact Steve Pietryk at [steven.g.pietryk@dom.com](mailto:steven.g.pietryk@dom.com) or (804) 273-4073 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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