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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
Sterling, VA 20166

Re: Dominion Virginia Power; Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf, OCS-A 0483 -Seventh 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 seventh 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 November 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017 (the Reporting Period).

During the Reporting Period, Dominion continued to maintain compliance with all Lease requirements while evaluating the best path forward for development of the project.

Activities during the Reporting Period

 Dominion received notification from BOEM on 3/15/2017 stating that before final SAP approval will be provided by BOEM, a letter of financial security for twelve months rent and estimated decommissioning costs must be provided by Dominion.

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 eighth Semi-Annual Progress Report to be filed on November 1, 2017:

- Dominion to provide a letter of financial security for twelve months rent and estimated decommissioning costs.
- Approval of the updated SAP by BOEM.

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 or (804) 273-4073 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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