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Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Re: Dominion Virginia Power; Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf, OCS-A 0483 – Third Semi-Annual Progress Report Submittal

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion), is pleased to submit this third 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, 2014 and April 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 January 30;
- Received BOEM's Construction and Operations Plan (COP) Survey Plan comments on February 3;
- Continued pre-front end engineering and design (pre-FEED) activities; and
- Participated in a project update meeting with BOEM on February 20.

Activities during the Reporting Period

SAP Update

Dominion submitted an updated SAP on January 30 describing the environmental monitoring equipment that will be deployed in the Lease area. Based on direction received from BOEM in a meeting on September 11, 2014, Dominion updated the SAP to reflect only the deployment of equipment taking place prior to 2020.

COP Survey Plan

On February 3, Dominion received comments from BOEM regarding the COP Survey Plan submitted on October 31, 2014 for incorporation into an updated COP Survey Plan.

Pre-Front Energy Engineering Design

In August 2014, Dominion contracted with GAI Consulting, Ramboll, and Ensemble Wind to support the commercial offshore wind development. This team continued to provide Dominion with engineering and meteorological services, including pre-FEED studies and planning surveys for the updated COP Survey Plan, among other activities.

Project Meetings

Dominion participated in a project meeting with BOEM on February 20 to meet BOEM's new Director, Abigail Hopper, and provide updates about Dominion's offshore wind development efforts.

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 fourth Semi-Annual Progress Report to be filed on October 30, 2015:

- Continuation of pre-FEED activities;
- Preparation for survey of the Phase I Wind Farm Area, including initiation of COP Survey Plan updates; and
- Participation in the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Advancement Project (VOWTAP) stakeholder engagement process.

Thank you for BOEM's continued time and assistance. Please contact Robert Hare at <u>robert.p.hare@dom.com</u> or (804) 819-2963 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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