

April 28, 2016

Mr. James Bennett  
Director, Office of Renewable Energy Programs  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
U.S. Department of the  
Interior 45600 Woodland  
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Sterling, VA 20166

**Re: Dominion Virginia Power; Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf, OCS-A 0483 – Fifth 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 fifth 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, 2015 and April 30, 2016 (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 March 2, 2016 in response to comments received from BOEM on November 20, 2015; and
- Received a lease amendment from BOEM on March 28, 2016.

**Activities during the Reporting Period**

*SAP Update*

Dominion submitted an updated SAP on March 2, 2016 describing the environmental monitoring equipment that will be deployed in the Lease area. This March 2016 SAP responded to comments from BOEM received on November 20, 2015. Specifically, Dominion added additional site specific information, details and supporting photos from Appendix G VOWTAP Benthic Report to Section 7.2.1 of the SAP. Dominion also provided information on the vertical area of potential effect of the clump weight anchor and an email from the qualified marine archaeologist recommending a determination of “no historic properties affected.”

*Lease Amendment Response*

On October 19, 2015, Dominion requested 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. BOEM provided a proposed lease amendment to Dominion on December 22, 2015. Dominion provided 3 signed copies of the Lease amendment to BOEM on February 15, 2016. BOEM provided the fully executed lease amendment on March 28, 2016.

**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 sixth Semi-Annual Progress Report to be filed on November 1, 2016:

- 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](mailto:steven.g.pietryk@dom.com) or (804) 273-4073 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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