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Ms. Susan Mackert
Department of Environmental Quality
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193
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Re: VPDES Draft Permit VA0052451, Dominion North Anna Power Station

Dear Ms. Mackert:

On behalf of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League and our members in Virginia, I write to request that Virginia DEQ hold a public hearing before issuing the North Anna permit. I believe that a hearing is warranted for the following reasons:

1. A public hearing is in the direct interest of the people who live near, recreate on or in some way derive their livelihood from Lake Anna.
2. The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League's interests in this matter are identical to those of our members living in Louisa County, the City of Charlottesville and other communities. Further, the League was founded in 1984 to foster earth stewardship, not only by our league members, but by our government and the public as well. To accomplish this goal, the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League encourages governmental and citizen responsibility in conserving and protecting our natural resources.
3. Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League is concerned with particular items in the permit as drafted. For example, draft permit Section A.1, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements, states that there is No Limit at Outfall 001 for temperature. Further, draft permit Section A.9., Condenser Cooling Water, states that there is No Limits at Outfall 101 for temperature. Based on our experience, we believe this is a repetition of the violation in the previous permit. Before issuing the final permit, Virginia DEQ must take steps to ensure the permit complies with federal law.

In subsequent filings sent today I will detail our objections to this permit.

I look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,



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Appendices to follow