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Commissioners of the Virginia State Corporation Commission
P.O. Box 1197
Richmond, VA 23218

Re: Support of Undergrounding 500kV/230kV Transmission Lines along the Aspen to Golden Route

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Kevin Carter, and I am the Managing Director of the Lansdowne Resort, Spa and Golf Club. This letter is a follow up to my telephonic testimony on August 6th, and I am presenting additional information related to impact that the proposed above-ground Dominion power line will have on the viability of the Lansdowne Resort, Spa and Golf Club.

Located on 500 picturesque acres overlooking the Potomac River Valley, Lansdowne Resort is an AAA Four-Diamond award-winning property in the heart of Loudoun County. On behalf of the Resort, I am writing to express my strong support for the undergrounding of the 500kV/230kV transmission lines along the Aspen to Golden Route. This initiative is critical to preserving Lansdowne's natural beauty, a key draw for our Golf Club members and Spa and Wellness guests.

Loudoun County has submitted testimony evidencing the fact that residential properties in the proximity of the proposed above-ground power lines and towers proposed by Dominion will suffer over \$133 million loss of value if the project is built above ground. No figure was placed on the significant loss in value the numerous businesses and commercial properties will suffer. So, I want to emphasize what I said in my August 6th testimony that our \$60 million a year revenue for the local economy will inescapably suffer a decline because of the powerlines. I would like to reemphasize my request that the State Corporation Commission not elevate the economic development and growth of one industry above the established and growing existing businesses along the proposed route. We urge you to accept the County's plan for a pilot program to underground the lines where they traverse established scenic and historic easements and existing residences and businesses.

Lansdowne Resort is located 25 miles from Washington DC, just off Route 7 and Riverside Parkways in Lansdowne. Here alongside the Potomac River, our guests enjoy expansive views of Loudoun's scenic beauty. The Golf Club at Lansdowne is recognized as one of the most prestigious private clubs in the mid-Atlantic region. Our world-class 72-hole Greg Norman Course winds through a mature hardwood forest, around carefully preserved wetlands, natural rocky outcroppings, and alongside the historic Potomac Heritage Trail to form the course's distinctive character using Norman's environmentally friendly "Least Disturbance Approach". The visual impact of large-scale overhead transmission lines will disrupt those same



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scenic expanses and wildlife corridors the Course was designed to preserve, and which attract our clientele. This will result in significant economic hardship since the Resort's ability to attract golfers to this destination will be materially damaged. Undergrounding these transmission lines will protect the scenic beauty of this unique Course and its surroundings. Undergrounding the lines will allow us to continue offering an unparalleled experience to our guests and ensure continued economic growth for our Resort and the broader Loudoun County tourism industry.

Lansdowne Resort urges the Virginia State Corporation Commission to prioritize undergrounding the 500kV/230kV transmission lines along the Aspen to Golden Route. This decision will preserve the natural beauty and economic vitality of our community while demonstrating Virginia's leadership in developing sustainable infrastructure. We stand ready to support and collaborate with the Commission in realizing this important initiative for the benefit of Loudoun County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this crucial matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Kevin Carter

Managing Director, Lansdowne Resort