The Honorable James C. Dimitri  
Chairman, Virginia State Corporation Commission  
P.O. Box 1197  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Chairman Dimitri:

On behalf of the members of the Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority, enclosed is a copy of a Resolution that was passed at the Authority’s January 16, 2014 meeting supporting wind power development in the federal waters off the coast of Virginia and the expedited approval by the Virginia State Corporation Commission of an expected future petition by Dominion Virginia Power to recover from ratepayers eligible costs for the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Advancement Project (VOWTAP).

In December 2012, VOWTAP was among seven projects selected nationally by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to receive funding to support initial engineering, design, and permitting for proposed offshore wind demonstration facilities. The VOWTAP project will be installed approximately 27 miles off the cost of Virginia.

In May 2014 DOE will select up to three projects to receive significant additional funding for final design and construction of the demonstration facilities. If selected, the VOWTAP project will have until 2017 to become fully operational.

Offshore wind development will bring economic and social benefits to the Commonwealth of Virginia and its citizens. VOWDA supports legislation that advances the responsible development of Virginia’s offshore wind power industry and associated supply chain. Should the VOWTAP proposal receive additional U.S DOE funding, VOWDA encourages an expedited approval by the Virginia State Corporation Commission such that Dominion Virginia Power can meet the 2017 deadline to complete this innovative project.

Sincerely,

Robert Matthias  
Chairman

Enclosure

c:  
The Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia  
The Honorable Molly Ward, Secretary of Natural Resources  
The Honorable Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade  
Thomas F. Farrell, II, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dominion Resources Inc.