APPENDIX I: AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE
December 18, 2012

Ms. Courtney R. Fisher
Dominion Virginia Power
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Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Archaeological Survey of Six Potential Access Road (Approximately 2.6 Linear Miles) along the Dominion Virginia Power 230 kV Transmission Line for the Transco Delivery Point to the Dooms Substation, Albemarle and Augusta County, Virginia; and Intensive Level Architectural Survey of the Bremo Power Station, Bremo Bluffs, Fluvanna County, Virginia
DHR File No. 2011-0693; DEQ #11-097S; SCC #PUE-2011-00039

Dear Ms. Fisher:

We have received for review the two (2) reports referenced above, both prepared by Cultural Resources, Inc. (CRI) in September and November 2012, respectively. These architectural and archaeological surveys, conducted pursuant to Section II of DHR’s Guidelines for Assessing Impacts of Proposed Electric Transmission Lines and Associated Facilities on Historic Resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia (January 2008), cover both sections of the proposed 45-mile Dooms to Bremo Transmission Line. DHR has not been notified by any Federal agency of their involvement in this project; however, we reserve the right to provide additional comment through the Federal Section 106 process, if applicable.

Transco to Dooms, 30.68 miles

The archaeological survey was conducted along six potential access roads associated with the proposed line from the Transco Delivery Point to the Dooms Substation; however, no new archaeological sites or isolated archaeological finds were identified. We concur that no further archaeology study is warranted. Three (3) additional architectural resources were surveyed at the reconnaissance level that were missed during the initial survey due to limited visibility: Gibson Hollow Lane Log House (DHR ID #002-5201), Leathers House (DHR ID #002-0553), and a Log Structure (DHR ID #002-5075-0117). DHR concurs that none of these three properties are individually eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), but the log structure (DHR ID #002-5075-0117) is part of the Coleman farm complex that is contributing to the Greenwood-Afton Rural Historic District.

We also received additional information on October 15, 2012, regarding impacts to two resources. The previous reconnaissance survey identified two (2) contributing resources to the Greenwood-Afton Rural Historic District (002-5075-0122 and 002-5075-0222). Based upon a review of the information
provided, we concur that impacts to these two resources are minimal due to the existing presence of another transmission line similar in height.

**Bremo to Transco, 12-miles**

On December 12, 2012, DHR’s National Register Evaluation Committee evaluated the Virginia Electric & Power Company (VE&PC) Bremo Power Station (DHR ID #032-0174) in Bremo Bluffs, Fluvanna County based on the intensive level survey provided by the consultant. We understand that interior photos were not allowed due to security restrictions. The evaluation committee recommended the Bremo Power Station as **individually eligible** for listing in the VLR/NRHP at the local level of significance under Criterion A (Industry), and under Criterion C (Engineering).

The committee also recommends the Bremo Power Station as **potentially eligible** under Criterion C (Architecture) as an excellent example of 1930s industrial architecture designed in the Art Deco style, pending additional information that places the building and its architect in an appropriate historic context and how this building fit into VEPCo’s overall building program and architectural image. Although not included in the report, DHR found that the building complex was designed by Burns and Roe, who worked for the Electric Management and Engineering Company in New York. The committee disagreed with the recommended the period of significance by the consultant, and extended it from 1931 to the mid-1950s to coincide with the installation of the new boiler and turbine generator.

For the three properties that were not accessible, DHR recommends that the Gilnockie Farm (DHR ID #032-0284), the New Fork School (DHR ID #032-0293), and the Former School on Antioch Road (DHR ID #032-5054), be **treated as eligible** for the purposes of this project.

If you have any questions concerning our review and comments on the architectural survey, please contact Andrea Kampinen at andrea.kampinen@dhr.virginia.gov. Otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact me at roger.kirchen@dhr.virginia.gov with general questions regarding our review of this project.

Sincerely,

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April 16, 2013

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Re: Dooms-Bremo 115 kV Transmission Line Project
DHR File No. 2011-0693

Dear Ms. Kilpatrick:

Shenandoah National Park and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail units of the National Park Service (NPS) have now established the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the identified project and completed the archeological survey of the area.

Enclosed are two archival copies of the Archeological Survey Report prepared by Cultural Resources, Inc. of Glen Allen, VA. This report indicates that two previously identified cultural resources are in the project area, Skyline Drive (44PA0277, VDHR #069-0234) and the Appalachian Trail (VDHR #093-5043). During the course of the survey no new cultural resources were identified on NPS property.

Also enclosed for your review is a map delineating the APE, with highlighted sections showing the areas of potential viewed and actual viewed impacts. We have determined this project to be an adverse effect on both NPS units. However, the transmission line poles for this project will be constructed of self rusting steel so as to help mitigate the visual impact on the two NPS units. We hope that the Virginia Department of Historic Resources will concur with this finding and agree that the self rusting steel minimizes the visual impact, while still providing the necessary electrical power.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ann Kain, Cultural Resource Program Manager at (540)999-3500 x3435 or ann_kain@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

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