To: Chair Bennett-Parker and the VRE Operations Board
From: Rich Dalton
Date: May 21, 2021
Re: Recommend Authorization to Enter into a Right of Way Easement Agreement with Rappahannock Electric Cooperative for LOU Facility Electric Service

Recommendation:

The VRE Operations Board is asked to recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Right of Way Easement Agreement with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) for an electric utility easement at Crossroads Maintenance and Storage Facility for the Lifecycle Overhaul and Upgrade (LOU) Facility electric service.

Summary:

This action will recommend authorizing VRE, on behalf of PRTC and NVTC, to enter into a Right of Way Easement Agreement with REC for an easement that encompasses a 15-foot wide right of way through a portion of the lands at Crossroads Maintenance and Storage Facility for installation of new electric service for the LOU Facility that is currently being constructed.

Background:

A new electrical feeder and transformers will be installed by REC at Crossroads Maintenance and Storage Facility. These improvements are necessary to accommodate the LOU Facility and the associated storage yard expansion. The facilities constructed within the right of way will remain the property of REC.
**Fiscal Impact:**

Funding for the LOU project, including construction, is provided through VRE’s federal formula funds and associated state and local matching funds, as indicated in VRE’s approved FY 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Program.

No fiscal impact from this agreement is anticipated.
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WHEREAS, VRE has adopted a lifecycle maintenance strategy for its rolling stock; and,

WHEREAS, VRE is in the process of constructing a new building at the Crossroads Maintenance and Storage Facility fully dedicated to lifecycle maintenance activities; and,

WHEREAS, the VRE Operations Board previously approved execution of a contract with Clark Construction Group, LLC for construction of the Lifecycle Overhaul and Upgrade Facility, and construction began in December 2020; and,

WHEREAS, new electric service is required for the Lifecycle Overhaul and Upgrade Facility and the associated yard expansion; and,

WHEREAS, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative is in the process of bringing a feeder line to the Crossroads Maintenance and Storage Facility in order to provide the new service required for the Lifecycle Overhaul and Upgrade Facility and the corresponding storage yard expansion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the VRE Operations Board does hereby recommend the Commissions authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Right of Way Easement Agreement with the Rappahannock Electric Cooperative for an electric utility easement at Crossroads Maintenance and Storage Facility for the Lifecycle Overhaul and Upgrade Facility electric service.

Approved this 21st day of May 2021

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Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
Chair

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James Walkinshaw
Secretary