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RESOLUTION NO. 2005-16

***TO DECLARE THE SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
DISPLEASURE WITH THE SUMMARY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR AN EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR EXPANSION OF NORTH ANNA
POWER STATION AND OBJECTION TO THE ESP PROCESS***

WHEREAS, Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Dominion) submitted an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on September 25, 2003, for an Early Site Permit (ESP) to allow the siting of one or more additional nuclear power facilities adjacent to the existing North Anna Power Station (NAPS); and

WHEREAS, in response to such application, the NRC began the environmental review process, which has resulted in the publication of a "Summary of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for an Early Site Permit (ESP) at the North Anna ESP Site" (SDEIS); and

WHEREAS, the SDEIS notes that (1) the existing NAPS is already the largest water user in the region, (2) the proposed additional facilities would significantly increase NAPS' water consumption resulting in lowering the water level in Lake Anna by 2.7 feet, (3) that projected area growth could generate water demands that could result in increased water conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the SDEIS fails to consider future community water needs and ignores the fact that NAPS is adjacent to one of the fastest growing regions of Virginia and fails to give any consideration to the impact of lowering the lake level by 2.7 feet on the many citizens living and recreating around the lake; and

WHEREAS, the entire ESP process substantially ignores changes in the surrounding communities brought by unprecedented residential growth that has already occurred during the application review period and that is expected to continue – if not increase - over the 20-year life of the ESP approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors' concern for the health, safety, and welfare of Spotsylvania County citizens compels the Board to express its displeasure with the SDEIS and to appeal to the federal reviewers and regulatory authorities to reconsider the SDEIS and the entire ESP process for the siting of additional nuclear power facilities at NAPS in order to adequately consider growth and change that has already occurred in the surrounding and downstream localities during the application review process and to give due consideration to reasonably anticipated future growth and future community water needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors on this 8th day of February 2005, that the Board of Supervisors expresses its displeasure to the NRC and all regulators concerned with the Dominion ESP application for expansion of NAPS concerning the SDEIS and its objection to the entire ESP process, for the reasons and on the bases set forth hereinabove.

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