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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

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At the relation of the

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE-2001-00298

Ex Parte: In the matter of
establishing rules and regulations
pursuant to the Virginia Electric
Utility Restructuring Act for
competitive metering services

ORDER CLARIFYING APPLICATION OF TARIFF REQUIREMENTS
AND INVITING COMMENTS ON STAFF REPORT

By Order issued August 19, 2002, upon consideration of parties' comments and Staff's February report, the Commission adopted with modifications Staff's proposed rules implementing competitive metering services. In ordering paragraph (2) of our August 19, 2002, Order, we directed each incumbent electric utility in Virginia to file tariffs for competitive metering services reflecting the adopted regulations on or before September 30, 2002. We have been advised by Staff that the electric cooperatives had expressed concerns over the application of ordering paragraph (2), which directs each "incumbent electric utility in Virginia" to file competitive metering tariffs. The competitive metering provisions in §§ 56-

581.1 E and F of the Code of Virginia apply only to investor-owned electric distribution utilities. We agree that the language in that order may be unclear. Thus, ordering paragraph (2) of our August 19, 2002, Order is clarified to direct only investor-owned electric distribution utilities to file tariffs for competitive metering services reflecting the adopted regulations on or before September 30, 2002.

We now turn to the Staff Report Presenting Findings and Recommendations for Additional Implementation Efforts for Competitive Electricity Metering filed on August 30, 2002. The Commission finds that interested persons should have the opportunity to file comments on such report.

In addition, the Staff also recommended in its report that the work group and other interested parties be invited to submit comments on the issue of whether implementing competitive metering for residential and small business customers would be in the public interest. In our August 19, 2002, Order Adopting Rules, we directed the work group to continue to examine and respond to this issue. We agree that such parties should be provided an opportunity at this time to comment on this issue. We request herein that members of the work group and other interested parties respond to the issue of whether implementing competitive metering for residential and small business customers would be in the public interest in their comments to

Staff's report. Such comments should be considered in the context of the nine statutory implementation criteria set forth in § 56-581.1 E of the Code of Virginia.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT on or before October 1, 2002, interested persons may file with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, an original and fifteen copies of comments on: i) the August 30, 2002, Staff report; and ii) the issue of whether implementing competitive metering for residential and small business customers would be in the public interest. All filings shall reference Case No. PUE-2001-00298, and a copy shall be served on all interested persons appearing on the official Service List.