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NORFOLK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FORT NORFOLK, 803 FRONT STREET
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23510-1096

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

March 18, 2010

Southern Virginia Regulatory Section
NAO-2008-00699 (James River and Blackwater River)

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Dear Colleagues:

This letter is regarding Old Dominion Electric Cooperative's (ODEC) proposed supercritical pulverized coal/biomass steam power electric generation facility. ODEC's preferred site is located in Surry County and they also have an alternative site in Sussex County, Virginia.

The Norfolk District intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the proposal. As part of the process, the Norfolk District will be assisted by AECOM, as a third-party contractor. Under a third-party contract, the EIS is prepared in part by a Contractor who is paid by the applicant, but is selected and supervised directly by the Corps. The Corps is responsible for ensuring that the information provided by the Contractor is consistent with the Corps' statutory requirements for an objective review of the public interest and environmental factors. Norfolk District will maintain responsibility for the scope and content of the EIS, directing the Contractor as necessary. Norfolk District will participate in the preparation of the EIS and with the assistance of applicable federal and state agencies, evaluate the information to ensure that it is technically adequate and not biased.

AECOM will be conducting an independent review of the information provided by ODEC. In this capacity, AECOM may be contacting you on behalf of the Norfolk District to request additional information about your agency's project review or permitting process and to confirm information provided by ODEC. Norfolk District staff will still conduct any necessary coordination for federally listed endangered/threatened species and for historic resources.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Nash, who will serve as project manager for the Norfolk District's Permit/NEPA process. You may contact Ms. Nash at (757) 201-7489 or melissa.a.nash@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Hume, III".

Robert Hume, III
Chief, Regulatory Office

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