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## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Dr. Charles Battig  
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Dear Dr. Battig:

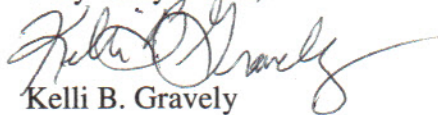
I am writing in response to your e-mail to the Division of Energy Regulation at the State Corporation Commission. It is my understanding that you are concerned about potential health effects and privacy issues associated with Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion") installing "smart" electric meters.

Dominion received approval from this Commission to conduct an Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") pilot program in several geographic areas within its service territory and has now installed AMI meters on all homes within those selected areas. The AMI pilot program is one of several Dominion demand-side management programs that was considered and approved in Case No. PUE-2009-00081. You can find documents, including the Commission's Order approving the pilots, on the Commission's website at <http://docket.scc.virginia.gov/vaproduct/main.asp>.

In its Order approving the AMI pilot program, the Commission did not require provisions, or otherwise address issues associated with allowing customers to opt-out of the AMI pilot. In response to previous inquiries of this nature, Dominion indicated that the efficiency of the program would be compromised if customers were allowed to opt-out and, further, that the Company was not aware of any conclusive and convincing evidence that advanced metering is causally associated with an increased incidence of detrimental health effects in humans.

Thank you for advising us of your concerns. Please feel free to contact me directly at 804-371-9765 if you have additional questions.

Very Truly Yours,



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