

Resolution 22-10

Authorizing the Long-Term Lease of Land at Washington Dulles International Airport to Virginia Electric and Power Company for a Utility-Scale Solar Powered Electric Generating System and a Battery Storage Facility

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (Airports Authority) began discussions with Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion), for large-scale renewable power at Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles International);

WHEREAS, In 2019, the Airports Authority and Dominion entered into an agreement to perform a feasibility study and other planning activities for the construction, installation and operation of a utility-scale solar powered electric generating system and a battery storage facility to generate electricity for the public electricity grid (Solar + Storage Project);

WHEREAS, The feasibility study identified approximately 835 acres of land at Dulles International (the Property) that would be suitable for the Solar + Storage Project;

WHEREAS, Dominion desires to enter into a long-term lease (37 years) of approximately 835 acres of land at Dulles International for the Solar + Storage Project and, in exchange for the lease, has agreed to provide the Airports Authority with in-kind consideration valued in excess of the fair market value of the Property;

WHEREAS, The Property is underutilized land and the Airports Authority has no plans to develop it over the term of the proposed lease;

WHEREAS, the proposed lease to Dominion for the Solar + Storage Project would allow the Airports Authority to generate financial and environmental benefits from the Property;

WHEREAS, The Property is leased to the Airports Authority by the federal government and may only be used for Airport Purposes, as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 49104(a), therefore, the Secretary of Transportation must approve the Project since Dominion is a private, for-profit entity;



WHEREAS, Staff also presented the Solar + Storage Project to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for review under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA);

WHEREAS, The Strategic Development Committee has reviewed the proposal to lease the Property to Dominion for the Solar + Storage Project, as presented by staff during its March 16, 2022, meeting, and recommended that the President and Chief Executive Officer should be authorized to enter into a 37-year lease for the Solar + Storage Project, subject to approvals by the FAA under NEPA and the Secretary of Transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the President and Chief Executive Officer is authorized and directed, following receipt of approval by the FAA and the Secretary of Transportation, to execute a 37-year lease of 835 acres of certain Airports Authority land located at Dulles International in favor of Dominion, for the construction and operation of the Solar + Storage Project.

2. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted: March 16, 2022



Monica R. Hargrove, Secretary