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Dominion Foundation Pledges \$1,000,000 to SFVA

Gift to Support “The Meadow Event Park” Project

Richmond, Va. (December 1, 2008) – The Dominion Foundation has pledged \$1 million over four years to The State Fair of Virginia, Inc. (SFVA) as part of *The SFVA Campaign for The Meadow*, the philanthropic effort to support SFVA’s new home on 360 acres in Caroline County.

SFVA, a not-for-profit organization unaffiliated with state government, is constructing The Meadow Event Park in a manner which will preserve open space and focus on wetlands restoration and preservation, river ecology and the importance of forest buffers to water quality. In addition, best management practices in agricultural production, water conservation and alternative energy systems will also be showcased.

Situated within The Chesapeake Bay watershed, SFVA’s plans include maintaining 70 percent open space, restoring 10 acres of wetlands and providing land to Caroline County for a boat launch along the North Anna River. Dominion’s donation will help allow for this stewardship of our natural resources.

“We view SFVA’s plans for conservation at The Meadow Event Park as an important investment in our environment,” said William C. Hall, Jr., president-The Dominion Foundation and vice president, Corporate Communications & Community Affairs-Dominion. “Dominion

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annually awards grants for projects such as this one to more than 1,200 charitable and educational organizations in areas served by the company.”

SFVA has had a Conservation Committee in place since 2004, which is chaired by retired State Forester Jim Garner. To continue its 154-year heritage as a “showcase” for Virginia’s best in agriculture, technology and science, SFVA is developing a year-round conservation-education program at The Meadow Event Park in conjunction with State agencies and private conservation and wildlife groups.

Ground was broken at The Meadow Event Park on April 22, 2008 with four major naming rights partners announced: Americraft, Southern States, Virginia Farm Bureau and Union Bank & Trust. The schedule calls for SFVA to complete the first phase of construction by September, 2009, in time for the State Fair of Virginia event to be held September 24 through October 4.

Dominion has long been a supporter of the annual State Fair of Virginia event, dating back to the 1940s, when then-Virginia Electric and Power Company had a booth at the Fair to demonstrate modern power generation to consumers.



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About SFVA:

The State Fair of Virginia event is presented each fall by SFVA. SFVA is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization not affiliated with state government. In a world where Virginia’s open land and traditions that shaped our culture are rapidly vanishing, SFVA’s goal is to keep cherished ideals and experiences alive in the Commonwealth. Visit us at www.statefairva.org.

About Dominion:

Dominion is one of the nation's largest producers of energy, with a portfolio of approximately 27,000 megawatts of generation. Dominion serves retail energy customers in 12 states. The Dominion Foundation will distribute in 2008 nearly \$20 million in grants to non-profit organizations in communities served by the company. For more information about Dominion, visit the company's Web site at www.dom.com.