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Alexandria City Council Approves Mirant-Alexandria Environmental Agreement

(Alexandria) - The Alexandria City Council approved an environmental agreement with Mirant Mid-Atlantic during a special session last night. The agreement will provide improvements to and continue to supply energy for the region's growing demand.

"The City Council's approval of this agreement is an important step forward in meeting the region's growing electricity demand and protecting the environment. We commend the city staff for their hard work and commitment over the past weeks, and the City Council for its thoughtful consideration of this important agreement," said Bob Driscoll, Chief Executive Officer for Mirant Mid-Atlantic.

"The Potomac River Generating Station will continue to operate in a manner that meets national air quality standards and in fact will meet emissions limits even more stringent than those required by either state or federal law. We will invest \$30 million to implement a stack merge that will help to reduce ground level pollutants. We are also investing an additional \$34 million for upgrading particulate matter controls and dust suppression at the plant and, any remaining funds will be used for environmental improvements in Alexandria such as retrofits for the city's bus fleet and energy efficiency upgrades in public schools."

"The long overdue stack merge improvement, combined with upgraded particulate matter controls, enhanced dust suppression and emissions limits at the plant, will ensure that this facility continues to run as cleanly as possible. The additional environmental improvements in Alexandria will go even further in improving the air we all breathe."

The two stack state operating permit, which is supported by both the City of Alexandria and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, is now before the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board. Once the Air Board approves the permit we can begin implementing environmental improvements at the plant and in the community."

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