WHEREAS, clean air is vital to the health and well-being of all of Virginia's citizens, especially our children and senior citizens;

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of the Chesapeake Bay as well as our mountains and forested landscapes is a source of pride and inspiration to the citizens of Virginia and millions of other Americans who visit our Commonwealth every year;

WHEREAS, the health of our agriculture, forestry, and tourism industries as well as our recreational and commercial fisheries are important to the economy of Virginia;

WHEREAS, air pollution degrades our scenery, harms our health, compromises our commercial and recreational fisheries, damages our streams, forests, and farms and causes global warming;

WHEREAS, Dominion Resources' proposed, new, coal-fired power plant in Wise County, known as the "Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center," should utilize all available "state-of-the-art" technologies to minimize the plant's potential to adversely impact the environment;

WHEREAS, such power plant must fully comply with all requirements of the Clean Air Act and Virginia Air Pollution Control Law, and must therefore comply with all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), including the Standard for PM2.5;

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2007, the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board directed the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) to work with Dominion to consider the use of IGCC (Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle) technology for this new facility, without delaying the permitting process;

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has asserted that emissions from the plant, as currently proposed, will violate the Clean Air Act by damaging plant life and degrading visibility in the Linville Gorge Wilderness Area, and the company has publicly committed to resolve this issue;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth will be required to live for generations with the impacts of the decisions made today with respect to this new plant, just as the City of Alexandria has had to live with the harm to human health and the environment resulting from decisions made decades ago with respect to the Mirant Potomac River Generating Station;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia that:

1. The City of Alexandria supports the action of the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board on November 30, 2007, to require VADEQ and Dominion Resources to consider IGCC technology at this plant, and urges VADEQ and the Board to conduct the most deliberate, rigorous and comprehensive permit analysis, so as to ensure that the Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center fully complies with the Clean Air Act, Virginia Air Pollution Control Law, and implementing regulations, including all NAAQS, and that the permit minimizes the plant's potential to adversely impact the environment for the generations to come.

2. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC  City Clerk