

# City of Alexandria Reliability Review May 13, 2021



### **Topics**

- Significant Events in 2020
- Historical Reliability Performance
- Measuring and Assessing Reliability
- In Progress and Planned Projects
- Ongoing Investments
- Miscellaneous Topics



# **Significant Events in 2020**

#### Glebe Substation – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Failed equipment near Glebe Substation
- Equipment did not operate as planned
- City of Alexandria more than 12,000 customers affected; some more than 3 hours

#### Arlington Substation – June 16<sup>th</sup>

- Failed equipment in Arlington Substation
- 3,550 customers affected in City of Alexandria; some almost 2 hours

#### July 22<sup>nd</sup> Wind Storm

- Widespread outages affecting more than 79,000 customers across Northern Region
- All customers restored by end of day July 23<sup>rd</sup>

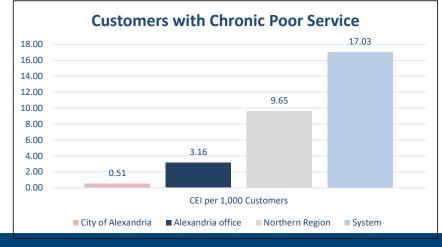
# **Historical Reliability Performance**

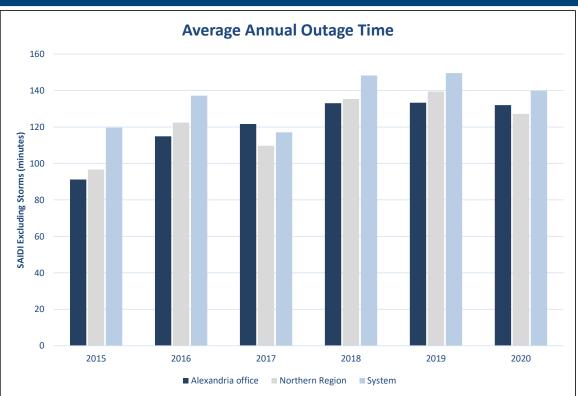
#### **Alexandria office**

- Typically outperforms Northern region
- On average, 10% better than system

#### **City of Alexandria**

- Significantly fewer customers with chronic poor service
- 34 in City of Alexandria vs. 45,000 systemwide







### **Measuring and Assessing Reliability**

#### **Industry standards**

- Standard metrics used to measure reliability
- No industry standards for performance

#### **Regulatory standards**

- No standards for performance
- Quarterly and annual reporting requirements

#### **Jurisdictional views**

- Electric infrastructure is based on operational areas
- Reliability is managed by operational areas offices and regions



### **In Progress and Planned Projects**

#### 2021

- Rebuild circuit on King Street between Carlisle Drive and W. Rosemont Avenue 3,600 customers
- Create new alternate circuit for N. Beauregard Street 1,500 customers
- Install new automatic switching schemes 3,200 customers

#### 2022

- Rebuild two existing circuits 5,000 customers
- Convert overhead to underground on N. Beauregard Street 500 customers
- Install new automatic switching schemes 7,500 customers

#### **Grid hardening**

- Upgrade main electrical lines to reduce damage during storm events
- 10 circuits serving more than 21,000 customers



### **Ongoing Investments**

#### **Vegetation Management**

- More than 50% of lines trimmed in 2019/2020; All remaining lines to be trimmed in 2021/2022
- Dominion spends over \$2M annually on tree trimming activities in Alexandria area

#### **Stronger Design Standards**

- Hardening system by using stronger poles and other equipment for less damage
- Speeds recovery after severe weather events by:
  - Eliminating outages
  - Less broken poles, wire, and equipment

#### Strategic Undergrounding

Focused on most problematic residential lines





### **Ongoing Investments**

### **Consistent Investments In Key Areas**

- Maintenance programs
- Reliability improvements
- Infrastructure for load additions and new customers
- End of life asset replacements
- Maintenance repairs

\$(millions)	2018	2019	2020	Total
Capital	\$37.6	\$38.9	\$39.7	\$116.2
0&M	\$7.5	\$7.6	\$7.6	\$22.7
Total	\$45.2	\$46.5	\$47.2	\$138.9

#### **Alexandria Office Annual Investments**



### **Miscellaneous Topics**

#### **Outage Restoration Priority**

- Safety
- Critical services
- Main circuit lines
- Residential lines

### **Customer Service**

- Dedicated Elected Official support
- Dedicated City Staff support
- Customer contact center for individual customer concerns

### **Outdoor Streetlighting**

- Approximately 10,600 streetlights, 34% LED
- 46 jobs with outages > 45 days
- 13 jobs with outages < 45 days</p>
- 81% of jobs involve underground work



# **Thank You**