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## Proposed White Oak Electric Transmission Project

Dear Neighbor,

At Dominion Energy, we are dedicated to maintaining safe, reliable, affordable, and secure electric service to the communities we serve. You are receiving this letter because we are currently planning for a new electric transmission line in your area.

The Sandston/Elko area of Henrico County is experiencing growing energy demands as the White Oak Technology Park has brought new business growth to this area. To address this recent development, new electric infrastructure is needed to meet the new power needs, maintain federal reliability rules, and keep the grid operating efficiently.

As such, a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line into our existing White Oak Substation is required. We are currently in the planning stages of the project; our team is reviewing all electrical and construction options. No routes have been finalized, but three route study areas are under consideration.

Enclosed, you will find an overview map with the preliminary corridors under consideration. While multiple routes will be evaluated, one proposed route with alternatives will be submitted to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) for final evaluation and approval.

Public engagement is a key part of the project planning process. We want to ensure our team listens to community feedback to ensure the routing options incorporate community perspective prior to filing an application with the SCC. We plan to hold public meetings in the coming weeks to review the project need, routing details, the current status, gather feedback and answer your questions. Please join us at **Elko Middle School** for our first community meeting **Sept. 15, 2022**.

More information will be sent in the coming weeks. In the meantime, you can view more information about the project on our website, [DominionEnergy.com/whiteoak](https://www.dominionenergy.com/whiteoak). You can also contact our project team by email at [powerline@dominionenergy.com](mailto:powerline@dominionenergy.com) or by phone at 888-291-0190.

Thank you for your understanding while we plan for long-term reliability investments in your community.

Sincerely,

The Electric Transmission Project Team

Enclosures: Project quick facts, project map

# **White Oak Electric Transmission Project**

## **Quick Facts**

### **Project Need**

Due to recent growth and future development on the horizon in Henrico County, there is a need for new electric transmission infrastructure investments to maintain grid reliability. The proposed White Oak Electric Transmission Line will allow us to meet the growing energy needs, continue reliable electric service, and maintain compliance with federal reliability standards.

Dominion Energy has an obligation to serve and maintain reliability for all customers. Entities such as PJM – which operates the electric grid in 13 states – and NERC, North American Electric Reliability Corporation, enforce standards to ensure reliability and the prudence of investments by utility companies like Dominion Energy.

### **Determining the Routes**

Dominion Energy is currently in the initial stages of the siting and routing process. All route options will need to connect our White Oak Substation, located within the White Oak Technology Park, to an existing transmission line located approximately three miles east of the technology park.

Planning and determining an electric transmission route are one of the most challenging things we do at Dominion Energy. We recognize the impact a new transmission line has on the community. Multiple factors are considered when deciding where to build a new line including, but not limited to, land use, historic and cultural resources, environmental impacts, wetlands, environmental justice, and tribal property. We consider these factors to avoid or limit community impact.

Ultimately, the SCC reviews the routing options and chooses the route the company must build.

### **Project Next Steps**

We will continue public engagement throughout summer and fall 2022 to ensure all interested community members are aware of the project and have an opportunity to share feedback with our team. We plan to file an application with the SCC in late 2022.

We hope to see you at future public meetings so we can hear what matters most to you.

### **Project Oversight and Approval**

The SCC is the regulatory body with jurisdiction over transmission lines at or above 138 kilovolts (kV). Since this project is proposing a new 230 kV transmission line, it meets the criteria to be reviewed by the SCC. Dominion Energy will file an application with the SCC to review whether

the project is needed, and which route reasonably minimizes impacts while remaining financially prudent for our ratepayers.

Although the SCC is the primary agency reviewing and ultimately approving the project, there may be additional permits needed from various agencies, such as the Army Corps of Engineers.

### **Reviewing the Routes in Detail**

In the coming weeks, we will launch an interactive mapping tool on our website called GeoVoice, which will allow you to participate in the routing process firsthand. You can search for your address or other places of interest to see proximity to the routes being studied. You can also measure, print, or leave a comment for the project team.

### **Your Feedback Matters**

We want to hear your input on our proposed routes, as the routes have not been finalized. The purpose of our public engagement is to share, listen and learn in order to make appropriate project changes. The SCC also considers public input in its review process. There are multiple ways to share your feedback with our team:

- Contact us by email at [powerline@dominionenergy.com](mailto:powerline@dominionenergy.com) or by phone at 888-291-0190.
- Leave your comments in GeoVoice (more information about GeoVoice coming soon)
- Attend our public meetings (invitations coming soon)
- Invite us to your community or property

