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**RE: Project Announcement:** Dominion Virginia Power Plans to Add New Electric Transmission Facilities

Dear Neighbor,

Dominion is planning a new electric transmission project in your area, which includes new 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and substation facilities. You are receiving this notification because one of the routes currently being evaluated is on or near your property.

**Why is this project needed?**

The successful economic development efforts of Loudoun County have resulted in electrical loads that are projected to exceed the capabilities of the electric infrastructure currently in place in your community. The forecasted increase in electric demand over the next few years will eventually strain and outgrow the local distribution system. Since we know the predicted growth in energy demand we must take steps now to meet that demand and to alleviate any potential reliability issues from occurring while still meeting the immediate needs of the business and population expansion taking place. This project will support the area's thriving business community and growing population while maintaining overall reliability.

**What is the project?**

A new 230kV double circuit transmission line will be constructed, paralleling existing transportation corridors where possible and appropriate, and will require the acquisition of new right of way. The proposed line will extend from a current transmission line in the area to a new Dominion substation facility to be located along Route 50 east of Poland Road. Please refer to the enclosed map for additional information.

**How do we determine routes?**

We are required to serve the community with safe and reliable power while minimizing the cost to ratepayers. Our state regulator, the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC), requires us to submit our application with an exhaustive routing study that looks at all options available.

The SCC requires us to present the route that meets the need electrically, while balancing impacts and cost to ratepayers, with potential alternatives to compare against. We do our best to solve electrical issues and increased energy demands in the least impactful way, always treading lightly when new right of way is needed as part of the solution. When developing a solution, we first review our existing facilities for available options, but in some cases creating new right of way is the only way to meet the demand, as is the case here.

When preparing the application to be filed with the SCC, Dominion typically considers many alternatives including underground. However, overhead transmission lines have proven to be the best choice for providing safe, reliable and economical energy to our customers, therefore the SCC expects us to first review an overhead option if one exists.

We are committed to reasonably minimizing the impact on communities, historic areas, and the environment by working with local residents and public officials in the study area to identify constraints and opportunities for locating new facilities. Any feedback we receive will be considered and will help us prepare a stronger and more thorough application for the SCC to review.

The ultimate route is determined by the SCC, whether it's one that Dominion included in its study or one that the SCC develops and evaluates on its own.

**What is the SCC review process?**

The SCC is responsible for determining the need, route and environmental impact of transmission lines in Virginia. Review of an application usually takes between one to two years and includes multiple ways for the public and interested parties to participate. Our submission is really the starting point of the process.

Once we file, documents related to the case are made available to the public on the SCC Docket Search section of the SCC web site, in the "Search Cases" section. In addition, interested parties may also comment directly to the SCC.

To learn more about this project and speak with our electric transmission experts, you are invited to attend our Open House where you will also have the opportunity to provide us with your thoughts on the project. Please be assured that community involvement is an important part of our project planning and development. We hope you can join us.

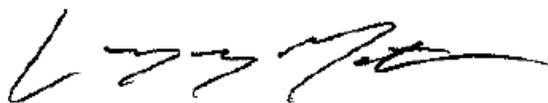
**Event Details**

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Little River Elementary School, 43464 Hyland Hills Street South Riding, Virginia 20152

In the meantime, please refer to the enclosed fact sheet for additional information or visit our website, [www.dom.com](http://www.dom.com), keywords: *Poland Rd.* You may also contact us by sending an email to [powerline@dom.com](mailto:powerline@dom.com) or calling 1-888-291-0190, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. I hope to see you at the Open House.

Sincerely,



Greg Mathe  
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Enclosures