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Dear Mr. Yowell,

Thank you for your letter dated May 29, 2015. We appreciate the County's continued interest and engagement on the Remington-Pratts-Gordonsville 230 kV electric transmission project. As you are aware, this project is very important to the reliability of the electric transmission grid, and in particular, Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC) operations.

Since our first meeting with the County in March, Dominion has clearly identified the need for this project, the options for resolving the identified issues and the benefits that come from strengthening the regional electric transmission grid. The routing for this project, as with all projects where new right-of-way is needed, is a sensitive undertaking and not taken lightly.

We are in receipt of the County's request for additional detailed information about this project and the electric transmission planning process. The application to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC), which is prepared in consideration of the public outreach currently underway, will include information that addresses your detailed questions. However, the Company generally continues its evaluation of project components and public input until the filing is made and such information will be publicly available at the time of filing as part of the application.

As communicated throughout our engagement with the County and the community, even though PJM Interconnection L.L.C., our regional transmission operator, selected the joint Dominion/FirstEnergy project based on strict criteria, the companies still need to go through the permitting process, which includes filing an application and obtaining approval from the SCC. The SCC regulates the construction of new electric transmission lines of 138kV and above, ultimately verifying the need for the project and determining the final route of any new right-of-way.

Although we are not able to provide responses to each of the questions raised in your letter, I would like to provide additional sources of information in response to certain categories of information requested.

PJM open window solicitation and company proposals

PJM maintains an “open window” webpage with detailed information on its open windows, including the 2014 Open Window #2 that resulted in the recommendation of the Remington-Pratts-Gordonsville project. That site includes such information as the problem statement and public versions of proposals. The PJM “open window” website section can be found at <http://pjm.com/planning/rtep-development/expansion-plan-process/ferc-order-1000/rtep-proposal-windows.aspx>.

Some of the information is public, but the detailed data that the open window was asking be addressed is considered non-public information, or Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) protected under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission rules. To access the non-public detailed information, the County should contact PJM and request permission to obtain CEII. This information is very sensitive and PJM has protocol that it must follow before it releases CEII. Details and contact information can be found at <http://www.pjm.com/documents/ferc-manuals/ceii.aspx>.

It should be noted that PJM has reaffirmed its selection of the Dominion/FirstEnergy solution most recently at their June Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee meeting, June 11, 2015 -- <http://pjm.com/committees-and-groups/committees/teac.aspx>

Planning, Review, and Approval Process

The PJM regional transmission expansion planning process is described in detail in its Manual 14A, available at <http://pjm.com/~media/documents/manuals/m14b.ashx>. PJM provides a more general overview of the planning process at the following URL: <http://pjm.com/planning/rtep-development.aspx>.

In Virginia, the SCC has regulatory authority over all electric utilities and requires that all new transmission line facilities above 138 kV be certificated by the SCC. The SCC verifies the need for a proposed line and reviews the routing alternatives. Among other elements considered, the route that the SCC ultimately approves must reasonably minimize the impacts on scenic assets, historic districts, and the environment.

The approval process is initiated with the filing of an application for certification and approval. Review of an application often takes between one to two years and includes multiple opportunities for the public and interested parties to participate and to obtain information. The filing of an application for certification initiates the process.

Dominion is committed to provide safe and reliable power to its customers and, in doing so, is equally committed to being a good partner and good neighbor as we introduce and deliver new infrastructure.

We welcome continued dialogue with Madison County and the surrounding communities. Community engagement and input will help Dominion prepare a stronger and more thorough application for the SCC to review.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Susan King, or Greg Mathe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Baka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "G" and "B".

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