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RE: **Project Announcement:** Remington-Pratts-Gordonsville Transmission Project

Dear Neighbor,

Dominion, in coordination with FirstEnergy, is planning a new electric transmission project in your area. You are receiving this notification because the project currently being evaluated is on or near your property.

Why is this project needed?

There are a number of reasons we are seeking to build this project:

- 1) An increase in local energy usage, currently causing operational issues for Dominion and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC)
- 2) Increase in future demand that is predicted to strain the local facilities that impact both surrounding counties and the greater regional transmission grid
- 3) Adds redundancy for the REC Pratts substation in Madison County which is currently only sourced with one transmission line – a significant vulnerability for any substation, let alone the primary substation that serves nearly 8,800 REC members in five counties.

What is the project?

Dominion and FirstEnergy are working on a series of transmission upgrades in your area that will resolve electric reliability issues in the Piedmont region west of Interstate 95 and east of Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.

The proposed facilities will be built by Dominion and FirstEnergy in their respective transmission zones. While FirstEnergy does not directly serve customers in the area, it owns and operates the electric transmission system in the region previously served by its Potomac Edison affiliate (formerly Allegheny Power). These customers are now directly served by REC. Dominion will build portions of the project in its transmission service territory. Please see the enclosed Fact Sheet for more details.

How do we determine routes?

Dominion is currently finalizing the new right of way routing options. We are sensitive to the community impact when constructing new transmission lines, especially where new right of way is required. Our approach is to limit the length of new right of way by taking the most direct path possible towards the Pratts substation, thereby reducing the impact that comes with a longer line, while making necessary compromises for important historical, environmental, and other community assets.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) requires Dominion and FirstEnergy to present a solution that meets the need electrically, while balancing impacts and cost to ratepayers. 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, new right of way projects are always a last resort, but in some cases, they are the only option, as is the case here.

We are committed to 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 Virginia State Corporation Commission review process?

Even though PJM (the regional grid operator) staff reviewed and selected the project, Dominion and FirstEnergy still need to go through the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) application and approval process. The SCC is the only authority to approve electric utility projects in Virginia deemed to be in the best interest of Virginia ratepayers. The state agency ultimately verifies the need for the project and determines the final route of any new right of way.

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 the starting point of the process.

Documents related to the case are 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(s) 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.

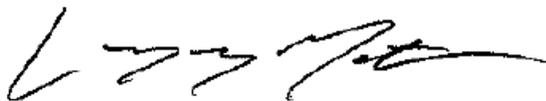
Open House(s)

- **Thursday, April 2, 2015, 5:00pm – 8:00pm** – Madison County High School - 68 Mountaineer Lane, Madison VA 22727
- **Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 5:00pm – 8:00pm** – Eastern View High School, Culpeper - 16332 Cyclone Way Culpeper VA 22701

*Community members from all impacted counties can attend either or both open houses.

In the meantime, please refer to the enclosed fact sheet for additional information or visit our website, www.dom.com, keyword: *Remington Pratts*. You may also contact us by sending an email to powerline@dom.com or calling 1-888-291-0190, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. I hope to see you at the Open House.

Sincerely,



Greg Mathe
Manager, Electric Transmission Communications

Enclosures