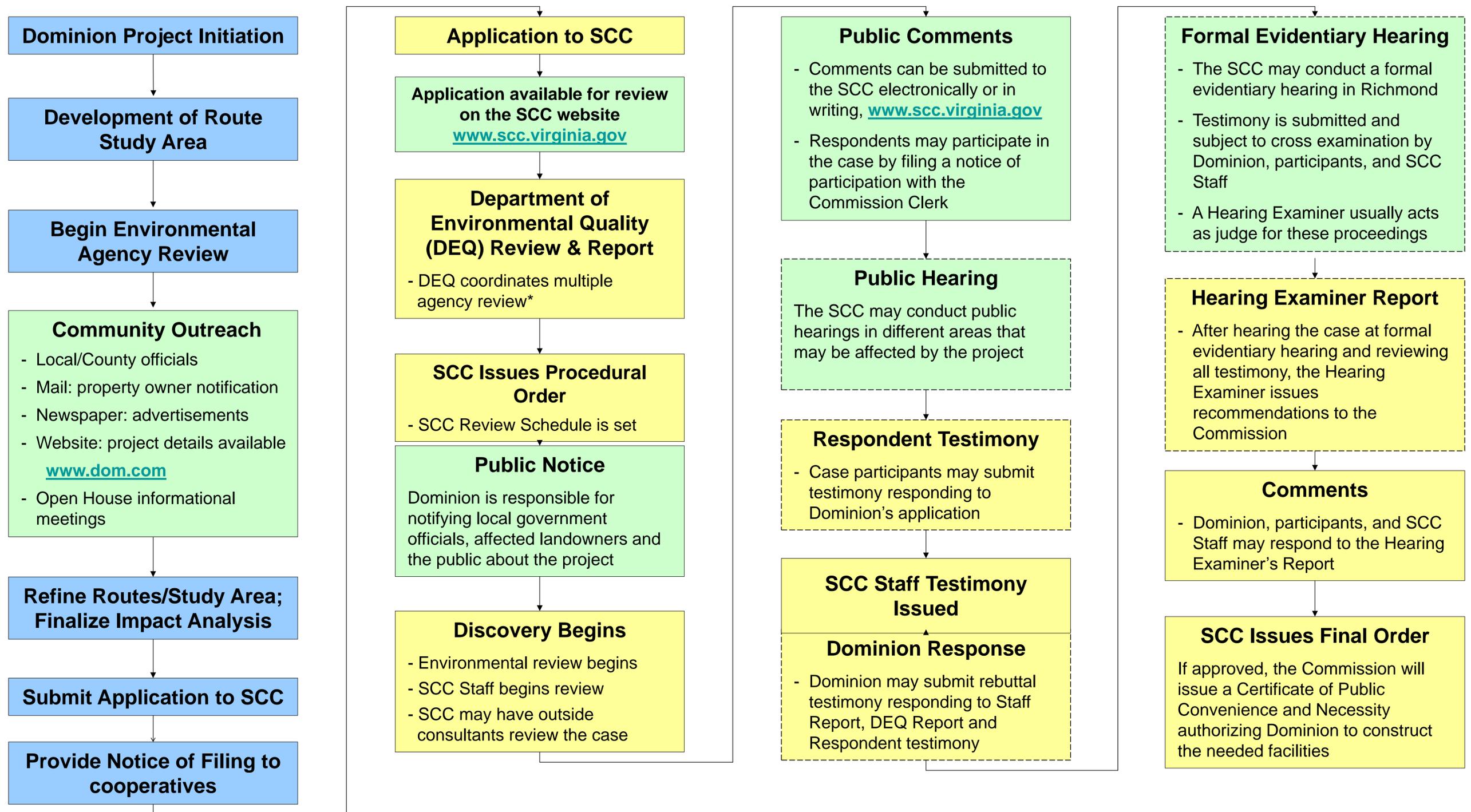


The Transmission Line Approval Process

Virginia's State Corporation Commission (SCC) has regulatory authority over all electric utilities and requires that all transmission facilities at or above 138 kV be certified by the SCC.

The SCC determines the need for a proposed line and the route. Among other elements considered, the SCC must determine that the selected route reasonably minimizes the impact on scenic assets, historic districts, and the environment.



*DEQ coordinated agency review includes: Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Department of Conservation & Recreation, Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, Department of Historic Resources and others.



Average SCC Review Process: One year to 2+ years

How to comment to the SCC: Public comments related to Commission cases are accepted for a limited time. Cases for which comments are currently being accepted by the SCC are listed in the Public Comments/Notices page.
<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case/publicComments.aspx>

This is a conceptual diagram to illustrate the certification process and is not intended to be a legal description.