

January 18, 2007

Governor Timothy M. Kaine
Office of the Governor
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Subject: Dominion Virginia Power - Intent to Place High Voltage Transmission Line through Linden

Dear Governor Kaine:

Recently Allegheny Power and Dominion Virginia Power made public their intent to locate a high voltage transmission corridor through protected lands and greenspace preservation areas in Warren, Fauquier and Prince William counties, Virginia. We live in Linden, a community located near Rattlesnake Mountain. According to Dominion Virginia Power maps, several potential line alternatives cross through our neighborhood. We, the residents and property owners in this community, oppose this line for many reasons. These reasons are of the most concern to us:

- For several decades, county strategic planning identified and zoned our community for rural, agricultural and open space land use. Because of the low density housing and open space, Dominion Virginia Power specifically targeted our community ignoring the local government authority used to develop and implement strategic land use plans. We have participated in and supported the land use planning process in our county. We live here because we like living in a rural community. The power line will give our community the appearance of an industrial corridor. Since the transmission line will circumvent areas of residential sprawl, the power line impacts will be greater in counties with the foresight to preserve open space than in those with inadequate planning.
- Dominion Virginia Power claims that the line is to ease peak demand shortfalls in northern Virginia. In light of their planned increase in energy production capacity at Lake Anna nuclear facility in less than a decade, they are using the same energy shortfall to justify this west-to-east high voltage transmission line which will impact thousands of property owners along its route. Dominion Virginia Power customers will be asked to subsidize the construction of this line for a state-based service life of 3 years until the extra capacity from Lake Anna is online! This confirms this line is really intended to transmit electricity through Virginia to the cities of Philadelphia and New York, but not to provide service to Virginians.
- The power of eminent domain must be limited for public good. We hate to lose our homes, land, income, views, quiet, investments, and the numerous qualities that make up our community at great personal expense so that Dominion Virginia Power can increase their income by operating interstate transmission lines. The taking or ruining of private property is only acceptable for the long term, greater public good not for corporate profits.

We implore you to oppose this transparent taking of individual property rights and local government authority based on an inadequate demonstration of real Virginia energy needs.

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