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Corey Stewart, Chairman, Prince William Board of County Supervisors
Pete Candland, Prince William Board of County Supervisors, Gainesville District Supervisor

cc: Delegate Bob Marshall 13th District Delegate, Commonwealth of Virginia, House of Delegates
Delegate Tim Hugo 40th District Delegate, Commonwealth of Virginia, House of Delegates
Senator Richard Black, 13th District Senator, Commonwealth of Virginia, Senate of Virginia
The Coalition to Protect Prince William County, www.protectpwc.org

Chairman Stewart and Supervisor Candland,

It is our understanding that Dominion Virginia Power intends to submit plans to the Virginia State Corporation Commission for high voltage power lines in Prince William County. We are deeply concerned about the impact the "Northern Route" will have on the Piedmont Club and its club members, employees, local residents, and Prince William County.

The proposed route runs directly along the Piedmont Club golf course in Haymarket, Virginia. Power lines of this magnitude will 1) significantly degrade the golf experience for the members and their guests, potentially causing members to resign and thereby reducing sales tax revenues; 2) cause additional long term economic losses in other revenue sources such as corporate events, charitable outings, private weddings and the like, further reducing sales tax revenues; 3) negatively impact our property value and that for local residents as well, reducing property taxes to be paid; and 4) compromise the surrounding environment and wildlife habitat, including damage to Little Bull Run Creek, which has historic value dating to the Civil War - the proposed Northern Route would be constructed within the 100 year flood plain, traverse designated wetland areas.

As you are aware, under Virginia Code § 56-46.1(B), the Commission is required to determine that the line is needed and that the corridor or route the line is to follow will reasonably minimize adverse impacts on the scenic assets, historic districts and environment of the area concerned. Dominion Power has publicly proposed a number of route options that fail to take those considerations into effect, and there is only one routing plan that reasonably factors in those requirements that we believe the Commission should consider. We endorse the "Hybrid Route" that partially buries the power lines along I-66.

We take great pride and have strived to invest in our Piedmont Club to provide an unparalleled experience for our members and the community we serve, and wish to be successful in doing so for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Scott Purpura, PGA
General Manager
Piedmont Club