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SCC Staff Submit Recommendation on Powerlines

Dear Friends,

Last summer, Dominion Power held several meetings to show all the proposed power line routing, and many of us were shocked to see how these proposals would impact our area. In response, the people of Prince William County organized and stated loudly with one voice that we would not go away without a fight.



Almost a year later we have signs that our efforts haven't gone unnoticed.

The Hearing Examiner for the State Corporation Commission, who listened to the hundreds of citizens make a powerful case for preventing the horrendous environmental, aesthetic, and economic impacts that the proposed overhead power lines would have on our community, concluded that the citizens were right.

In a SCC Staff Report that was issued on June 2nd, the recommendation was made to the

State Corporation Commission that no justification exists for imposing the adverse impacts of overhead power lines on homeowners, and if one customer decides to proceed with building their data center complex they should be required to pay for the new power lines, including the cost of partially undergrounding the power lines to mitigate the negative impact on the citizens in our community.

While this news is encouraging, we still have a long way to go. The final decision will be made by the State Corporation Commission, and they have scheduled the next hearing on the proposed Dominion Powerlines for June 21 at the SCC offices in Richmond.

I am certain that these large organizations will unleash their high-paid lobbyists and lawyers to try to convince the State Corporation Commission that the citizens should pay for the power lines and that they should be allowed to install them in an overhead configuration.

We must keep the pressure on by asking the SCC to accept the Staff Report. You can help by adding your name to a new letter I plan to submit to the SCC at their June 21 Hearing in Richmond.

Here is a link to that letter, and please forward the link to your neighbors to sign as well.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Amazonpowerlines>

While the fight is far from won, I would like to note this tremendous progress is the result of several factors:

- The thousands of citizens who attended the public hearings held on the power lines, and the hundreds who persuasively testified about the unfair treatment that was being thrust upon our community;
- The more than 5,000 citizens who co-signed with me letters to the State Corporation Commission objecting to providing a taxpayer-funded extension cord for a proposed data center;
- The tremendous grassroots advocacy effort organized by the Protect Prince William Coalition – led by Elena Schlossberg, Karen Sheehan and Tadd Wilson;

the dozens of HOA leaders who informed their homeowners about the importance of this issue; and Mayor David Leake and the Haymarket Town Council who rallied their citizens;

- Supervisor Jeanine Lawson and Chairman Corey Stewart who helped me in our fight to convince the Board of County Supervisors to remain diligent in opposing this egregious proposal;
- Delegate Tim Hugo, Senator Dick Black, Delegate John Bell, and Delegate Bob Marshall who have been strong defenders of our property rights in opposing the outrageous attempts to exploit our community.

Please visit www.supervisorcandland.com for more information and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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