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VIA First Class Mail and Email

This letter is in response to your letter dated May 3, 2017, requesting that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors take actions necessary to remove any legal constraints to construction and operation of a 230 kV transmission line along the "Railroad Route."

On June 1, 2017 the Board of County Supervisors held a special meeting to hear public testimony on this request. After receiving testimony from the residents of the affected communities and other concerned parties, the Board passed a resolution declining to take any action that would enable the Railroad Route. Further, the Board continues to oppose the siting, construction and operation of a transmission line along either the "Railroad Route" or the "Carver Road Route" identified as alternatives by the State Corporation Commission. Further, the Board reaffirmed its support for the I-66 Hybrid Alternative Route. The unanimously approved resolution is attached for your review.

Please consider this letter a formal response to Dominion's request.

Sincerely,

Christopher E. Martino
County Executive

Attachment

C: Board of County Supervisors
Chris Price
Michelle Robl

MOTION: CANDLAND

**June 1, 2017
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 17-251**

SECOND: LAWSON

RE: DENY DOMINION'S REQUEST TO TAKE THE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO REMOVE ANY LEGAL CONSTRAINTS TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION ON THE RAILROAD ROUTE AND REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE I-66 HYBRID ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR THE PROPOSED HAYMARKET 230 kV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE – BRENTSVILLE AND GAINESVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2014, the Board of County Supervisors (Board) accepted Open-Space and Trail Easements from the Somerset Crossing Homeowners Association across 52 acres of property located at 14601 Washington Street, 6831 Jefferson Street, 14780 Links Pond Circle, 7299 Traphill Way, 10522 Turning Grass Way, 10526 Turning Grass Way, 7197 Bladen Place, 7024 Luck Now Street and 7024 Wheeling Way; and

WHEREAS, the 52 acres of the Open-Space and Trail Easements support the Comprehensive Plan Open Space Policy to retain a minimum of 39% of the total area in the County as protected open space; support the Comprehensive Plan Trails Standard of one mile of trail per 1,500 population; and preserve 52 acres of open space located within a significant environmental corridor, the North Fork Corridor; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2015, Dominion Energy, formerly Dominion Resources Services, Inc., (Dominion), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission, (SCC), for a 230 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line in Haymarket (Project), with one of the proposed routes for the line being the Railroad Route, which would cross the County's Open-Space and Trail Easements; and

WHEREAS, the SCC issued an Interim Order on April 6, 2017, directing Dominion to make a formal request to the County to take the necessary actions to remove any legal constraints to the construction and operation of the Project on the Railroad Route as it pertains to the Open Space and Trail Easements, if the County is inclined to do so; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 2, 2015, the County previously informed Dominion that it intended to defend any County property interest even if Dominion attempted to take it through eminent domain, and that the Board planned to vigorously defend the Open-Space and Trail Easements that would be impacted by the proposed Railroad Route; and

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WHEREAS, in response to a previous request by Dominion, on May 26, 2016, the Board informed Dominion it does not intend to give the permission necessary for installation of an overhead transmission line within the Open-Space and Trail Easements, as this would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of such easement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby deny Dominion's request to take the actions necessary to remove any legal constraints to the construction and operation of the Project through the Railroad Route as it pertains to the Open-Space and Trail Easements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does reaffirm its commitment to support the I-66 Hybrid Alternative Route;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board opposes the Railroad Route and the Carver Road Route.

Votes:

Ayes: Anderson, Candland, Jenkins, Lawson, Nohe, Principi, Stewart

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: Caddigan

For Information:

County Attorney

Planning Director

ATTEST:



Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board