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Re: Hollymead Transmission Line Rebuild
Update: Construction Activities scheduled to begin in February 2012

Dear Neighbor,

On October 19, 2011, the State Corporation Commission authorized construction of the Hollymead transmission line rebuild project, requiring construction to be completed by May of 2014.

Dominion's Construction and Forestry Superintendents have been meeting with property owners along the right-of-way to discuss our construction plans and determine access routes for construction equipment. If you have not yet met with our field team, or wish to follow up with us regarding plans, please contact us at the number below.

Pre-Construction Activities Happening Now

Over the last few months, you may have noticed a variety of activities occurring in the right-of-way, a portion of which is within or near your property. Our "pre-construction activities" are described on the enclosed information sheet and generally include tree trimming along the edge of the right of way as needed, removal of any "danger trees," mowing, survey work, soil sampling, stream and wetland delineation and evaluation of cultural, archeological and historical resources that may be on or near the right-of-way. This work is performed by different contractors who may need access to the right-of-way corridor through your property. We make every effort to minimize any disturbance during these periodic visits.

Construction Activities Beginning in February

Beginning in early February, our Construction Coordinator, Bobby McCoy, will be available on site each week. Bobby will oversee the building of our temporary and permanent access roads, and installation of erosion and sediment controls. By early spring, we are scheduled to start work installing the temporary structures and wires that will provide service while we rebuild the permanent structures. This work will involve larger equipment, more crews, and more frequent access to the right-of-way corridor at times. Please consider this letter as your notification. Unfortunately, we are not staffed to make calls to each property owner prior to each visit to the right-of-way.

Construction updates and other project details are available on the web at www.dom.com, keyword search "Hollymead." If you would like to contact Dominion regarding this project, please send an email to powerline@dom.com, or call 1 877-884-9939 to speak with **Michelle Blankenship**, Project Communications Coordinator. This toll-free number is a dedicated line for Michelle. If she doesn't answer, please leave a message and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience as we complete this critical project for Albemarle County.

Sincerely,

Dominion Virginia Power



Construction Activities *Overhead Transmission Lines*

Transmission line construction typically requires access to private property. Dominion has prepared this document to provide property owners important information on our construction practices and the activities that occur before, during, and after installation of our transmission facilities.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

Initial Inspection

Prior to the actual construction schedule start date, Dominion employees or contractors will walk the transmission line corridor to determine structure locations and to identify potential areas that may require special consideration.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

Right-of-Way Surveying

A crew utilizing medium-sized pickup trucks or small construction vehicles will mark the centerline and outer edges of the right-of-way at road crossings and at each structure location. For line-of-sight purposes, a limited amount of tree, shrub and crop clearing may be required.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

Access Roads and Construction Matting

Following the centerline surveying, Dominion will access the right-of-way utilizing existing access roads, where possible, to further evaluate the area before line construction activities commence. If access is not available, highway construction entrances and/or additional access roads may be installed once approved by the Department of Transportation. Access roads constructed by Dominion may require the use of road gravel or drain pipes. Wooden construction mats are used in wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas. Usage of construction mats is temporary and required only in specified locations, depending on field conditions. The installation equipment will be limited to the minimum amount needed to create the required access.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

Soil Borings

Using a rubber-tired truck or tracked vehicle, a two-person crew will access the property and may drill a 4" to 10" diameter hole in the ground at various structure locations. The hole is filled in after the soil sample is completed. This operation may occur during an initial survey or immediately follow the centerline surveying or the installation of access roads, depending on field conditions.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

Structure Staking

Prior to construction, a survey crew will mark the structure location with stakes. Crews will access the sites using medium-sized pickup trucks or other small construction vehicles.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

Clearing

The right-of-way must be cleared to allow construction activities and eventual transmission line operation. The landowners along the right-of-way will be notified prior to construction clearing and cleared material will be disposed of in accordance with their right-of-way agreement.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION:

Access Road Development

Existing roads will be used where practical. Where necessary, Dominion will install new access roads varying in width and preferably within the proposed right-of-way. After construction is complete and the area is completely rehabilitated, we will restore roads and entrances to their original condition unless they are necessary for permanent access to the right-of-way.



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