

LANCASTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Resolution

Virginia Dominion Power Norris Bridge Transmission Project

Whereas, Dominion Virginia Power is proposing to replace the overhead transmission lines across the Rappahannock River that have been in operation since 1962; and

Whereas, the transmission lines serve approximately 19,000 customers on the lower end of the Northern Neck; and

Whereas, the new transmission lines will improve reliability and operational efficiencies and also will improve safety of work crews of Dominion Virginia Power and the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, the proposed project will replace 7 existing wooden structures and 14 bridge attachments with 10 steel structures with concrete foundations placed about 100 feet east of the bridge; and

Whereas, the Rappahannock River is one of the most scenic and historic rivers in Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay region; and

Whereas, the transmission line replacement project presents a unique opportunity to both improve reliability and operational electrical service efficiencies in the lower Northern Neck and the safety of work crews, as well as remove an existing and future visual impairment, especially in the view shed that looks toward the mouth of the Rappahannock River and the Chesapeake Bay; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Lancaster County Democratic Committee hereby supports Dominion Virginia Power's proposal to replace the existing overhead transmission lines across the Rappahannock River; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Lancaster County Democratic Committee hereby strongly supports the installation, operation and maintenance of a new underwater transmission line, rather than a new overhead transmission line; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that a copy of this resolution expressing the sense of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee on this matter shall be conveyed to Dominion Virginia Power, the Virginia State Corporation Commission, Governor of Virginia Terrence McAuliffe, and Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward and shall be included in the meeting minutes of the Lancaster County Democratic Committee.

Adopted this ___th day of August 2015

_____, Chair
Lancaster County Democratic Committee