

RESOLUTION #2015-009

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED OVERHEAD ROUTES FOR THE DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER GAINESVILLE-HAYMARKET TRANSMISSION LINE AND IN SUPPORT OF A PARTIALLY UNDERGROUND "HYBRID" ROUTE FOR DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER'S GAINESVILLE-HAYMARKET TRANSMISSION LINE

WHEREAS, Dominion Virginia Power is in the process of developing the route alternatives for a new 230 kilovolt (kV) double circuit transmission line, extending approximately six miles from Gainesville to a new substation west of the Town of Haymarket; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Virginia Power is designing the transmission line to address forecast increases in energy demand that exceed the capabilities of the current distribution system; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Virginia Power is exploring various route options within the study area and, after receiving public input, plans to submit an application with the State Corporation Commission, along with alternatives that have been considered; and

WHEREAS, Several alternatives proposed by Dominion Virginia Power follow the railroad right-of-way for a portion between Lee Highway (Route 29) and James Madison Highway (Route 15) ("the Railroad Routes"); and

WHEREAS, The Railroad Routes will adversely impact residents and businesses to the north and south of those alignments; and

WHEREAS, The Railroad Routes will have an adverse environmental impact on the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Dominion Virginia Power had proposed overhead routes for the transmission lines following either the southern or northern right-of-way of Interstate Route 66 ("the Overhead Route 66 Routes"); and

WHEREAS, The Overhead Route 66 Routes will adversely impact residents and businesses to the north and south of those alignments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Haymarket has reviewed and considered all of the proposed routes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Haymarket has determined that an underground route using the existing right-of-way along the northern boundary of Interstate Route 66 would have the least adverse environmental, economic and aesthetic impact; and

WHEREAS, the State Corporation Commission is vested with the power to approve said transmission lines after considering all relevant factors;

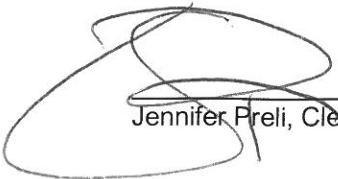
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Haymarket opposes all overhead routes proposed by Dominion Virginia Power and recommends that the State Corporation Commission authorize only the partially underground "hybrid" route using the existing right-of-way along the northern boundary of Interstate Route 66.

Done this 14th day of July 2015.

ATTEST:



BY: TOWN OF HAYMARKET


Jennifer Preli, Clerk


David Leake, Mayor

Voting Aye: MORRIS, SWINFORD, MOORE, CHASE, PASANELLO
Voting Nay: e
Abstaining: e
Absent: AITKEN