Electric Transmission Line SCC Application Review Process

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The Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) has regulatory authority over all energy providers in Virginia and requires certification for all transmission lines out of the ordinary course of doing business or are at or above 138 kilovolts (kV). Among other responsibilities, the SCC validates the need for a proposed line and approves the route and structures. In reviewing a proposed project, the SCC must consider whether potential impacts on scenic assets, historic districts and the environment have been reasonably minimized.



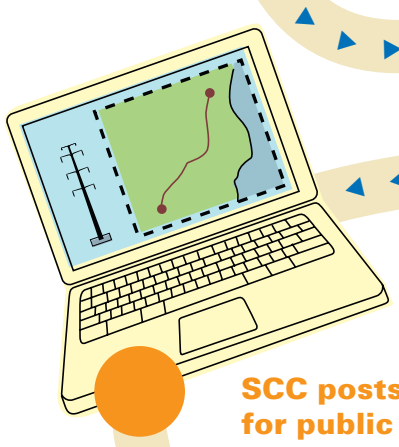
Dominion Energy notifies county and city officials of intent to file
Required pursuant Code of Virginia § 15.2-2202

Dominion Energy submits application to SCC
Includes full project details, including need, cost, routing options, potential impacts, etc.

Dominion Energy issues public notice
Notifies local officials, impacted landowners and the public

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issues first report
Due within 60 days of application filing

Dominion Energy notifies electric cooperatives



SCC posts application for public review
Available at scc.virginia.gov

SCC issues procedural order
Case schedule is set; SCC invites public comments and formal participation in the case as a respondent

Interested parties can join case as respondents
Formal mechanism to join proceedings

Discovery begins
SCC Staff starts its review; SCC Staff, Dominion Energy and respondents may serve discovery





Public comment period opens
Submitted online or via mail

Public comment period closes

DEQ issues coordinated comments
Summary of recommendations from multiple state resource agencies to minimize impacts and for compliance with legal requirements

Dominion Energy submits rebuttal testimony
In response to DEQ summary, staff report and respondent testimony



SCC conducts public hearings
Held in selected areas near the project

SCC Staff submits its report about the project

SCC conducts formal evidentiary hearing
Testimony submitted and subject to cross examination by SCC Staff, Dominion Energy and respondents

Respondents submit testimony

SCC hearing examiner issues report of recommendation

Participants issue response
SCC Staff, Dominion Energy and respondents comment to hearing examiner's report

SCC issues final order
If approved, SCC issues a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) authorizing Dominion Energy to construct and operate the facilities

Dominion Energy pursues additional permits as needed
Local permits, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), etc.

Dominion Energy begins construction of facilities



- **Dominion Energy's Responsibility**
- **Public Involvement Touchpoints**
- **Procedural Steps**
- **Optional Step Determined by SCC**

Process could take as little as eight months to complete if uncontested, with more complex proceedings ranging from 12–24 months from start to finish