

Electric Transmission Right-of-way Guidelines

Ensuring Safety and Reliability



Dominion Energy South Carolina maintains more than 3,500 miles of electric transmission lines in South Carolina. To protect public safety and provide reliable delivery of electricity to customers, Dominion Energy South Carolina must control and restrict certain activities within its right-of-way. This brochure provides a basic overview of Dominion Energy South Carolina's right-of-way guidelines.

What is a “right-of-way”?

“Right-of-way” refers to the corridor Dominion Energy South Carolina uses to build and maintain electric transmission and distribution facilities in order to serve its customers. Dominion Energy South Carolina performs regular maintenance on its rights of way for safe and reliable operation of its electric system. A clear right-of-way allows:

- Unrestricted entry and access to all facilities at all times for regular maintenance and during emergency situations.
- Easy identification and monitoring of transmission and distribution facilities.
- Preventing third-party damage.
- Uninterrupted power supply.
- Keeping trees out of the lines.

Right-of-way Guidelines

Dominion Energy South Carolina may allow certain improvements and activities in its rights of way. However, Dominion Energy South Carolina will not assume responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any such improvements directly or indirectly damaged

as a result of its operation and maintenance of its facilities.

The following guidelines are outlined to protect public safety and the reliability of Dominion Energy South Carolina facilities.

Allowable activities

The following activities are generally allowed within the right-of-way without a license from Dominion Energy South Carolina:

- Planting of lawn grasses
- Planting of row or cover crops
- Planting of vegetable gardens
- Planting of flowers
- Planting of small trees or shrubs (not to exceed 10 feet in height at maturity).
A list of allowable trees is available at DominionEnergySC.com

Structures/activities that require a license

Dominion Energy South Carolina may allow some structures and activities within rights of way in certain instances. If allowed, certain guidelines apply, and a license may be required.

Examples include:

- Parking lots
- Irrigation systems
- Signs (15 feet maximum height)

- Communications cables
- Driveways
- Nurseries or tree farms (including Christmas tree farms)
- Operation of cranes, derricks, drag lines, etc. (Must maintain minimum of 20 feet from any conductor)
- Roadways
- Electric lines
- Overhead cables
- Drainage ditches
- Logging roads
- Fences*
- Limited excavating or filling

To apply for a license, contact Dominion Energy South Carolina at **1-800-251-7234**.

**Fences licensed by Dominion Energy South Carolina to cross its right-of-way must be designed to allow at least a 12 foot opening and must cross at or near 90 degrees. Gates are permissible, as long as they allow for at least a 12' opening. If gates are to be locked, Dominion Energy South Carolina must be allowed to install its own locks on the gates. Locks will be installed in such a manner as to allow both the landowners and Dominion Energy South Carolina unimpeded access to the property.*

Prohibited structures/activities

Some structures and activities within the right-of-way do not allow for ongoing maintenance and access requirements, or may create safety concerns for you, your neighbors or our employees.

Examples of structures or activities prohibited within Dominion Energy South Carolina's rights of way include:

- Buildings
- Boat Storage
- Mobile homes, trailers or portable offices
- Decks, porches, roof overhangs, breezeways or patios
- Basketball goals (in ground)
- Swimming pools
- Picnic areas
- Playground equipment
- Septic tanks or drain fields
- Satellite equipment or antennas
- Wells
- Manholes, drainage culverts
- Valves, meters, fireplugs
- Deer stands or blinds attached to power line structures
- Material storage
- Operating cranes, derricks, draglines, etc.
- Dumpsters, trash dumps or junk cars
- Logging/Loading decks
- Blasting
- Ponds

Licensing Guidelines

Consult Dominion Energy South Carolina early in your planning. We must review and approve all plans for construction proposed on Dominion Energy South

Carolina rights of way. To expedite your construction or excavation projects, contact Dominion Energy South Carolina Transmission Operations and prepare to submit your plan before applying for a license or committing to construction.

Notify Dominion Energy South Carolina before construction begins. **NO** construction or excavation activities of any kind, including blasting, should be done on Dominion Energy South Carolina rights of way before Dominion Energy South Carolina employees have established the exact location and elevation of all affected facilities and the limits of the right-of-way.

Dominion Energy South Carolina employees must be present during any construction or excavation activities on or around the company's facilities or rights of way, unless otherwise permitted by Dominion Energy South Carolina. Excavation within three feet of Dominion Energy South Carolina facilities is strictly forbidden without a Dominion Energy South Carolina representative on site.

This "Right-of-way Guidelines" addresses the most common land uses on or near Dominion Energy South Carolina rights of way. Additional technical information is available upon request to Dominion Energy South Carolina. The information, including the allowable uses, contained in this pamphlet is for informational purposes only and does not create any obligation on behalf of Dominion Energy South Carolina or rights in Dominion Energy South Carolina right-of-way. In some cases, Dominion Energy South Carolina may determine, in its sole discretion, that a particular land use is not feasible for a particular project or Dominion Energy South Carolina right-of-way.

To coordinate this procedure, call **Dominion Energy South Carolina** at **1-800-251-7234** or online at **DominionEnergySC.com**. Request that location be determined when calling **Palmetto Utility Protection Service (PUPS)** at 811.

For information on electric easements, call **1-800-251-7234** or see Dominion Energy South Carolina's electric transmission right-of-way guidelines at **DominionEnergySC.com**.



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