

Mt. Storm – Valley Virtual Community Meeting

Good evening and welcome to the Pre-Construction Virtual Community Meeting for the 500 kV Mt. Storm – Valley Electric Transmission Rebuild Project.

My name is Kristi Moore and I am part of the electric transmission team at Dominion Energy. This evening's meeting is being brought to you virtually as safety is of paramount importance to Dominion Energy and we are taking every precaution to keep our employees and community safe in the midst of the pandemic. At Dominion Energy, we value our customers and are committed to continuing to work with our neighbors as we complete important infrastructure upgrade and repair project.

Though tonight's meeting is brought to you virtually, you still have an opportunity to engage with our project team and ask questions that are on your mind. During the meeting you can submit your question by selecting the "All Panelists" button on the bottom left hand portion of your screen. Questions will be addressed by our project team at the conclusion of the meeting.

As a reminder, your audio will remain muted and video will be off throughout the presentation; however, you may still submit questions by clicking the "All Panelists" button as we just reviewed. This meeting is being recorded and posted to the project webpage for those who are not able to join us tonight or if you'd like to go back to review the recording at any time.

On tonight's agenda we will begin with a Safety Message; then we will virtually meet our project team; review the project and construction process and answer your questions.

At Dominion Energy, we like to start every meeting with a safety message. For tonight's message, I thought we could discuss what you should do if you experience a power outage. Though not something we plan for, on occasion you may lose power as a result of a severe storm, gusty winds or heavy snow or ice.

Should you experience a power outage, you will want to be careful with your back-up heat source. Keep your doors closed and cracks tightly sealed.

- If you are planning to use a generator, it should be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows, doors, and garages to avoid the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning.
- If using a generator to power space heaters, examine the area around the space heater for fire potential. Look for clothing, paper and other flammable items near the heater.
- Finally, when you and your family are safe, check on your neighbors and the elderly to ensure they have also taken the appropriate precautions.

At Dominion Energy, our public engagement process begins early in the project life cycle. Once a project need and solution is conceptualized, we begin reaching out to elected officials and other identified stakeholders to share with them project-related information. We engage with many groups including property owners like yourselves who may have received mailers or seen an advertisement in the newspaper for our community meeting. We also work with historic preservation groups and Native American tribes.

This project is a multi-year project and we have been working with stakeholders since the project was announced in April 2018.

I wanted to take a moment to talk a little bit about the SCC application process. The Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) has regulatory authority over all energy providers in Virginia. The SCC requires certification for transmission lines out of the ordinary course of doing business OR those that are above 138 kilovolts – if you'll recall, this project meets the SCC threshold, because it is a 500 kv rebuild project.

The SCC validates the need for a proposed line and approves the route and structures. They must also consider whether the potential impacts on scenic assets, historic districts and the environment have been reasonably minimized. For background, this project was submitted to the SCC in 2019.

We've talked a lot about process that brought us to where we are this evening. However, I wanted to take a moment to quickly review how transmission lines work. How does the electric generated at the power station power your home or business? So, there are two types of lines that carry power from the generation station to your home and business – those are electric transmission and electric distribution lines. The lines look different and serve different functions. For simplicity, the electric is generated at the power station and sent via high voltage transmission line to the substation. Once the power is received at the substation, the voltage is lowered and sent through a distribution line to power to your home or business.

As I mentioned earlier, we would have an opportunity to meet our project team. This project has a team of experts who have been working to provide safe and reliable electricity for years. We have with us Dave, who is the Project Manager; Bobby who is responsible for Construction/Access; Melissa with our Right of Ways department; Matthew in Engineering; Ginny in Environment; we have Robert in Line Construction; Sam in Forestry; Stefan with Siting and Permitting; Julia in External Affairs; and as I mentioned earlier, my name is Kristi.

This project is a multi-year project being completed in several phases. In its entirety, the project is 64 miles long, encompassing a total of 261 structures. On the screen you will see the location of phases 1, 2 & 2A. Line work has been completed on the phases; therefore, the focus of tonight's meeting is on phase 3.

Phase 3, which is depicted on your screen traverses some of the most extreme terrain in the system, including the George Washington National Forest. This critically important project serves as the backbone for the entire electric grid in Virginia. It connects several large power stations to lower voltage lines. This phase stretches from Pendleton County, WV to Rockingham County, VA.

As mentioned earlier, the existing 500 kV electric transmission line stretches 64 miles, that's from our Mt. Storm substation in WV to our Valley substation in VA. It has been in service for nearly 60 years and though well-maintained, the project addresses corrosion on the existing structures.

Our team at Dominion Energy is constantly reviewing our electric system to ensure it operates safely and efficiently. This transmission line is being rebuilt to ensure the integrity of the grid and reliable electric service to thousands of customers.

Phase 3 of the project includes replacement of 71 weathering steel lattice structures. The existing weathering steel structures have an iron oxide patina designed to protect the steel; however, the use of weathering steel was re-examined in the 1970s when it did not perform as well as expected.

For this project we will be rebuilding the existing structures with a more durable, galvanized steel lattice structure as depicted on your screen. The structures will be approximately 15 feet taller than the existing structures, on average. The structure type will resemble the current structures, except for that iron oxide patina, that will change.

This project has several benefits including the use of existing Right of Way, which means the structures will be replaced in generally the same locations as they currently are. It will provide long-term reliability and durability and the new structures comply with mandatory standards for safety and reliability.

At Dominion Energy we value the environment and are protective of environmental assets. We employ a variety of protections, including:

- Erosion and sediment control measures
- The use of construction timber matting as shown on the photo on the right-hand side of your screen. Timber matting is used in wetlands and other sensitive areas.
- We do adhere to time of year restrictions for certain threatened or endangered species.
- When we finish our construction activities, we return the construction area to preconstruction conditions.

This project required a significant amount of planning and a multi-year permitting process. We partnered with several state and local agencies to complete evaluations and mitigate impacts. Just recently, in the fourth quarter of 2021, the US Forest Service issued the Decision Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact, which helped us begin our construction process on Phase 3. We also worked with our partners at the WV Department of Environmental Protection; the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

As mentioned at the top of the meeting, Dominion Energy is committed to engaging with its neighbors and stakeholders. For this project, we've developed several opportunities and tools for you to access information at your leisure. We've created a dedicated project webpage (www.dominionenergy.com/Mt.stormValley) where you will find a copy of the Virginia State Corporation Commission application, that SCC application I mentioned; project overview and description of this project; we have also placed project area maps on the site as well as recordings of virtual community meetings, much like this evening's. And finally, we are excited to offer a link to our interactive mapping tool. This mapping tool was launched recently to help neighbors as they navigate the forest service areas.

One of the other things you will find on our project portal or project construction page are several photo simulations. These photo simulations help neighbors to obtain certain viewpoints across the project. The graphic on the screen is a photo viewpoint map, which is one of nine points where photo simulations have been created for our customers.

At Dominion Energy, we understand that spending time in the outdoors is important to many people. The George Washington National forest is a destination for so many who live in WV and nearby states and enjoy the beauty and recreational offerings of the forest. We do our very best

to minimize the impact our projects have on the local community and to that end, we are excited to announce the launch of our interactive mapping tool, developed by our partners at RES, which will provide up-to-date information related to road closures and delays resulting from construction activities. This tool, which we will review in a moment, is updated weekly to ensure timely and accurate information is available to anyone visiting the Forest.

I invite you to pull out your smart phone and click on the QR code on the screen. If you do not have a smart phone you can find a link to this tool on our project webpage www.dominionenergy.com/mtstormvalley. I will give you a moment to access that page so you can walk through the interactive mapping tool with me.

When the tool is loaded to your phone, you will see an update as well as a legend at the bottom of your screen or browser. You will want to X out of the legend and close the update to access the map function.

On the screen in front of you and on your device/browser you will see the entry page to the tool. As mentioned earlier, this tool will be updated weekly and will highlight road segments that are closed or delayed. Those closures or delays will appear on the map after the user enters an address in the search bar in the upper left portion of the screen.

On the right hand of the screen, you will see a legend. Should you need to access the legend while searching, you will want to click on the first icon on the top right-hand portion of the screen.

I wanted to share with you a closer look at the type of information you will be able to find when searching the tool. So, for this example, I searched Ant Knob Road and the red line indicates the road is closed, which is consistent with the information displayed on the left-hand portion of the screen that was updated on January 4. This interactive mapping tool will be useful throughout the life of the project.

As displayed on the screen here, construction on this phase is anticipated to take about 18 months. And then we will have about another year for restoration, bringing that construction area back to preconstruction conditions.

On the screen in front of you, you will see a timeline related to this project. So, phase 3 of the project was announced to the community in June 2021 via postcard mailers. From now through around April, will be constructing temporary access roads and entrances and beginning forestry work. And then pending issuance of certain permits, we anticipate construction to be completed in Fall, 2023 with restoration about another year, in the fall of 2024.

This concludes the formal presentation. As a reminder, you may submit questions to our project team by selecting the "All Panelists" function at the bottom left-hand portion of your screen.

Julia P (Moderator): It looks like we do have one question, and this is a question for Sam, I believe. "What will be done with the trees that are cut down, to widen the roads?"

Sam: Can you hear me now?

Julia: Yes.

Sam: So, in the first phase of work we are doing, cutting trees to widen the roads, most of that stuff will be disposed of, taken off site. We will probably be chipping it after it has been cut and

we typically haul that away in larger trucks. In some of the places we agreed to with the forest service, there may be some logs left behind in piles, but for the most part the smaller debris, limbs and branches and those types of things, will be chipped and hauled off site. Julia, “thank you Sam.”

Julia: Our next question is a question for Bobby. The question is “with regard to returning the area to the condition it was preconstruction, when forest roads are improved, such as widened, will they be unimproved afterwards, made narrower again, for example.”

Bobby: If we widen them to 16 or 20 feet in some of the switchback, we will have to narrow those roads back to the current 10, 12, 14-foot roadbed that they currently are so they won't be any less than what is out there now and will likely be in better condition because they will be maintained with 2-inch top dressing of stone and have better drainage features installed. Julia: Thanks, Bobby.

Julia: Another question we have is “When will work begin on the Virginia side of this?” And I think that is a question for Dave. Dave: Hello, yeah basically, the tree clearing will start shortly. We just received the permit we were waiting on to begin cutting trees. As far as the more heavy construction work, building roads and that, we are still waiting on permits from the forest. Once we receive those, we can begin work on access roads, foundations and all the other activities.

Julia: Great, thank you Dave.

Julia: Well, I will give folks another minute or two to submit any other questions they may have. Real quick though, I will ask one question that we have been receiving frequently, since the start of the pandemic and that is “How are our crews handling construction and field activities during the Coronavirus outbreak?” Um, Dave or Kristi do you think you could answer that questions.

Kristi: Sure, so our crews are very mindful of the situation in terms of the Coronavirus, and we are limiting the contact the best we can, um, we are being socially distanced from one another. We are wearing our masks when we are near others or within that 6-foot prescribed timeframe. Really, the work we are doing, they are in remote locations. Our crews are working side by side but distanced as they should and taking the precautions to be careful and mindful of the community and protective of the situation we are in and to keep the community safe. I would add that, typically, prior to pandemic, these meetings were held in person. So, when the pandemic arrived, we had to come up with another means of reaching out to our community. So, by having these virtual meetings, though the technology can be difficult sometimes, I think the good thing is we are still able to get in front of our community members and customers and be safe while doing it and having that good dialogue that's necessary around projects like this.

Julia: That's exactly right. Thank you, Kristi.

Julia: It looks like we go another question in the Q&A box. The question is, “Will the landowner be notified before cutting trees and road construction begins on their property?” Road is to go through my property and not in the right of way. So, Kristi or maybe, Sam that might a question for one of you all. Kristi, Sam if you want to answer maybe generally, we can then get more information from this particular landowner, in the chat and follow-up. Sam: Yea, sure. The name Ziegler doesn't ring a bell, but it just so happens our field foresters are currently in the process of tallying the trees that have been marked for removal on private property throughout the whole phase of the project. So, actually within the next week or so we should have all of that stuff kind of completed and tallied and totaled up. And, at the same time, going through and making those contacts with the private landowners. So, yeah if we want to try to get some more

information from this gentleman, we can reach out next week and definitely give him some more detail. Julia: Absolutely, thank you. So yeah, we will be sure to get your information and follow-up with a more detailed answer.

Julia: It looks like we have another question from Marilyn Hoover, or excuse me, Hooven. I think this is another question where we will have to reach out, because this is very specific to her property. So, um, we will be sure to get back in touch with you regarding your question as well.

Julia: And Kristi, do you want to post your information or the project information on how people can get in touch with us after this?

Kristi: Actually, that is a great segue into our next slide. So, there are multiple ways of getting in touch with us. Certainly, if you had specific questions, like those we just talked about, if you could make sure to have your name and your best method of contact, either email or telephone, if you could put that in the All Panelists chat function so we can follow-up with you. If you'd rather reach out to us independently you can either get us through the Power Line DominionEnergy.com email address, there is a toll-free number there 888-291-0190 and then the project page I referenced a few time throughout the presentation is www.DominionEnergy.com/mtstormvalley I would ask, if you email our Power Line email address or call our toll-free number, if you could reference the Mt. Storm project that's helpful so they can get it to the appropriate individual or representative and then we can follow-up back up with you to answer your question.

Kristi: Julia, are there any other question in the chat?

Julia: Um, it looks like that is all the questions we have, and we did get some information from folks who have more personal questions, excuse me, about their properties that are more detailed. Um, so we will get back to those folks after this meeting. It looks like we don't have any more questions in the chat box.

Kristi: I should mention, if you have specific questions about construction activities near your property, you can contact us in a variety of ways, via powerline@dominionenergy.com; visiting or project construction portal, which is www.dominionenergy.com/mtstormvalley; or you can call 1-888-291-0190 to speak with a communications professional related to this project.

Finally, I want to thank you for attending tonight's meeting. We hope it was beneficial for you; however, should you want to contact us at any point throughout the project, please use one of the mechanisms on the screen and someone from our team will get back with you as soon as possible.

We do appreciate your time. Thank you for joining us and enjoy your evening.

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