

Greg (Communications Consultant, Dominion Energy): Public participation and involvement is important to our project planning and execution. How we fulfill our obligation to serve is just as important as a reliability our customers expect and deserve. The intent of the company's communications is to fold. Provide information to the public, elected officials, county, staff, property owners, community members, and other interested stakeholders. To facilitate a better understanding of the need for the project these associated benefits and the project details such as routing analysis, structure types, project considerations and so on. And second to solicit community feedback. Dominion energy is committed to engaging stakeholders throughout the permitting process. During the pre-application phase of projects, we will reach out to local, county, state officials, state and federal agencies, known historic preservation and natural resource groups, and property owners in the vicinity of the project. Our communications may include letters and postcards to property owners, advertisements in newspapers and on social media, information posted on our website, and open houses. The purpose of this outreach is to involve the community and project planning and understand any impacts or concerns that the community has about the project. Dominion energy listens closely to the input received from the community regarding the proposed routes, structures, and the width of the right-of-way. Many of the regulatory authorities we receive permits from also have public review steps that they follow. Public comments can be filed with these bodies electronically or in writing. In addition to accepting comments by mail, electronically, and in sworn testimony, the public may participate as formal respondents in the case by filing a notice of participation with the SEC clerk. The state Commission's and the localities may conduct local hearings to hear first-hand from the community about the project. Public participation is an important part of any transmission project. At Dominion energy we continue to look for new ways to engage our neighbors.