South Hill 230 kV Electric Transmission Line and Substation Project June 1, 2022 Community Meeting – Q&A

- So, what's next? Where do we go from here? I'm going to ask the Dominion project team to come forward. We're going to open the floor for a Q&A session.

- What's the process for getting the new rights-of-way that you need?

- Hello, I'm Josh Tracy with Real Estate. So, the process for the acquisition will start with, initially, we'll reach out to you for permission to survey the property. So, we'll send you a letter requesting survey permission for our specific folks to do their specific jobs. Once we do that, we'll be looking at an appraisal for the property, once we understand exactly what type of right-of-way we need and the width. Once we have an appraisal, I'll be reaching out to you with an offer for the property. We will discuss that. And then eventually, hopefully, we'll have an easement signed that will grant Dominion the rights for the transmission facilities.

- Just to build on what Josh said, that happens, usually, after we get an approval from the State Corporation Commission. So, the State Corporation Commission has to first find that there's a need, and that the route that we propose reasonably minimizes impacts. They ultimately choose the route, and then we know what we're going to build. And then Josh goes through his process for acquiring the right-of-way, much like you would make a real estate transaction.

- Hi, my name's Mitch, Brunswick County representative, or resident, representative. When you were talking, I heard you mention, in the planning phase of the power line, you take into account environmental, cultural things, residents, like private property and stuff, but I did not hear you mention anything about security. So, when it comes to planning, does Dominion Energy take into account the security of our grid, and where these poles and lines and such are placed?

- Great question. A close second to reliability, if not parallel to reliability, is the security of the grid. We all absolutely understand that energy, 24 hours a day, seven days a week is paramount to our way of life and our security. And so, our planners go through a rigorous process to make sure that there's redundancy, that not only the structures are engineered to withstand a variety of factors, but also the grid, it has backups to the backups, and the contingency planning is well built into our grid planning. So, from a security standpoint, yes, routing, whether it's through open fields or through the forest, you know, they are wide open. And so, there's really nothing that you can do about routing to aid in sort of hiding the line. They are big transmission lines, but the way that they're engineered, and that the way the grid is planned helps bolster that security.

- [Mitch] Thank you.

- [Representative] Anyone else have a question? Okay, I guess we'll break out, and we'll look at the maps. Thank you all for coming tonight. And again, I really encourage you to sign up for GeoVoice. We have lots of representatives here tonight, so now's the time to definitely ask questions. Thank you for coming.