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.