# Ladysmith-Elmont 500 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

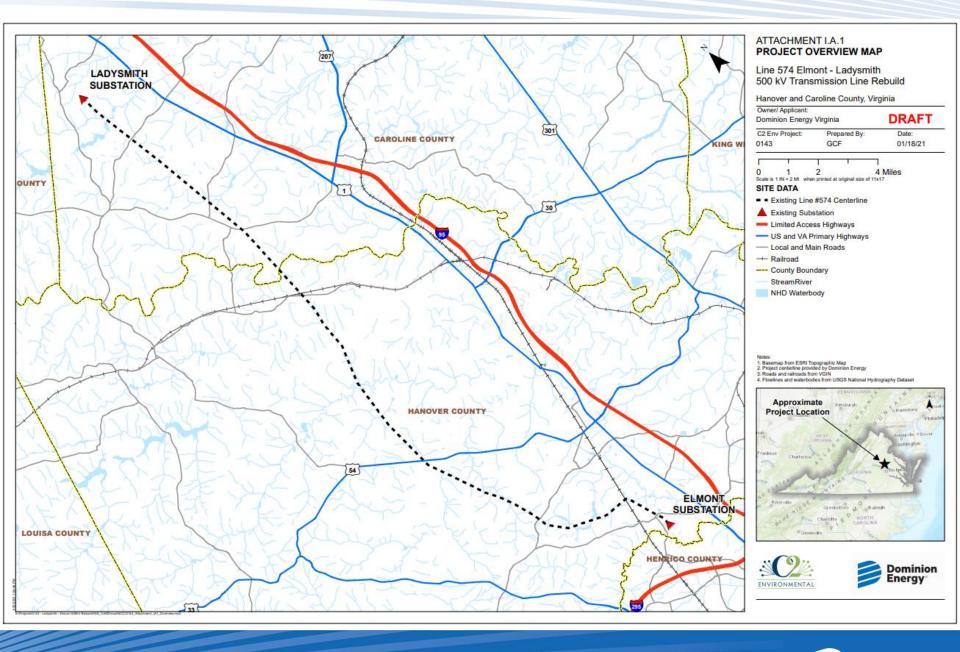
March 2021



#### **Outline**

- Project Need
- Scope of Project
- Community Engagement
- Timeline







#### Reliability Concerns & Drivers

Approximately 26.2 miles of 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Ladysmith and Elmont substations have reached the end of their service life.

- Structures were originally installed in the 1960s
- Continued operation risks negatively impacting service reliability







Representative pictures of aging structures.



#### **Proposed Solution**

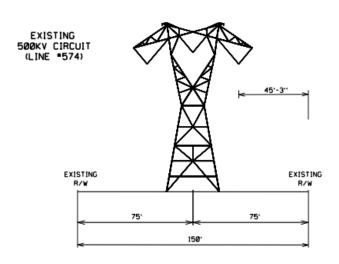
In order to maintain structural integrity and reliability, Dominion Energy is proposing to rebuild the transmission lines in an existing corridor through a portion of Caroline and Hanover counties.

- Proposed project is located entirely within existing right of way
  - Partially collocated with existing 115 kV line 3.5 miles
- Replaces lattice weathering steel with galvanized steel structures
- Rebuilding to current industry standards; future needs
  - Height increases vary along transmission line
- Target completion date: December 2025



### **Typical Right-Of-Way Cross-Section**

STRUCTURE \*574/1 - 19

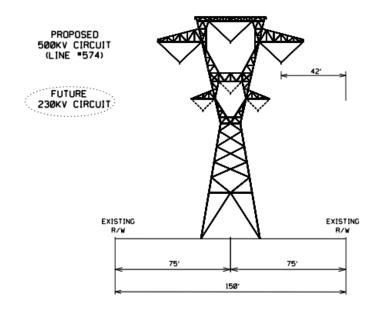


EXISTING CONFIGURATION

TYPICAL RIGHT OF WAY LOOKING TOWARD LADYSMITH

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STRUCTURE \*574/1 - 19



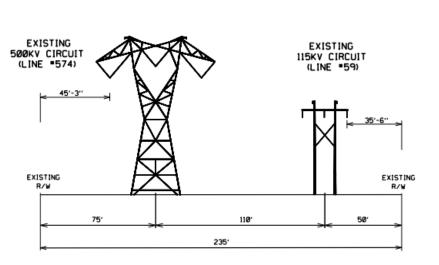
PROPOSED CONFIGURATION

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#### **Typical Right-Of-Way Cross-Section**

STRUCTURE #574/19 - 37



EXISTING CONFIGURATION

TYPICAL RIGHT OF WAY LOOKING TOWARD LADYSMITH

STRUCTURE #574/19 - 37 PROPOSED 500KV CIRCUIT (LINE \*574) FUTURE EXISTING 230KV CIRCUIT 115KV CIRCUIT (LINE \*59) EXISTING EXISTING R/W 501 235'

PROPOSED CONFIGURATION

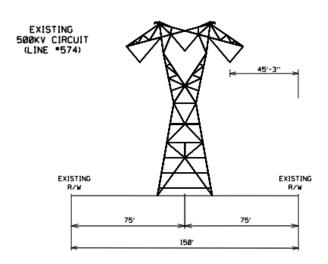
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#### **Typical Right-Of-Way Cross-Section**

STRUCTURE \*574/37 - 124

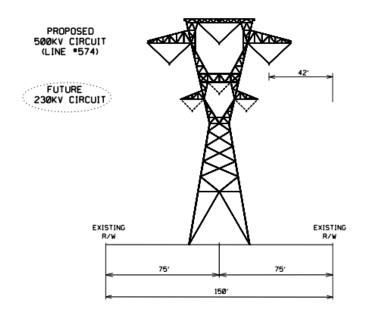


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STRUCTURE \*574/37 - 124

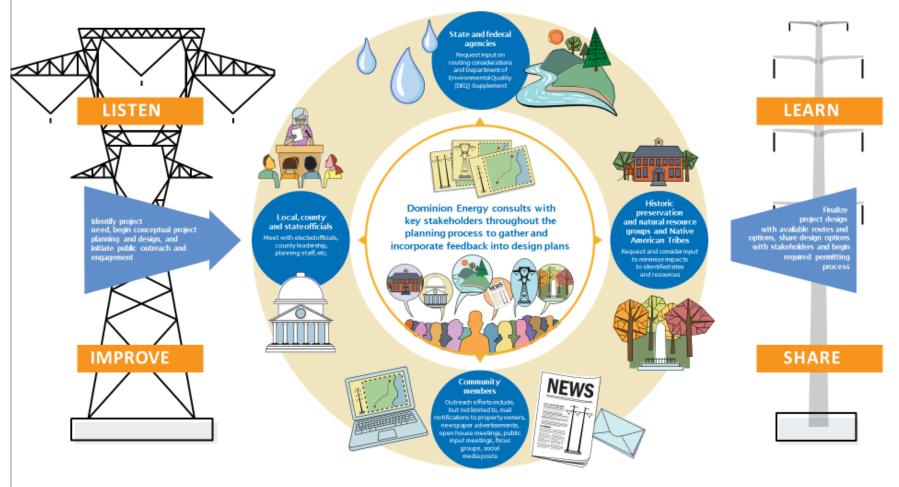


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#### **Electric Transmission Line Planning and Public Engagement Process**





#### **Electric Transmission Line SCC Application Review Process**



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.



Dominion Energy notifies ounty and city officials of intent to file Virginia 5 15.2-2202

Dominion Energy submits application to SCC Includes full project details, including need, potential impacts, etc.

**Dominion Energy** notifies electric cooperatives



SCC posts application for public review Available at

SCC issues procedural order Case schedule is set; SCC invites public comments and formal participation in the case as a respondent

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issues first report Due within 60 days of application filing

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Participants issue

response SCC Staff, Dominion

Energy and respondents

comment to hearing

examiner's report



public hearings Held in selected areas near the project

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DEQ issues coordinated comments Summary of recommendations from multiple state resource agencies to minimize impacts and for compliance with legal requirements



Public comment period opens Submitted online or via mail

Discovery begins SCC Staff starts its review; SCC Staff. **Dominion Energy and** respondents may serve discovery

Interested parties can join case as respondents Formal mechanism to Join proceedings

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Dominion Energy issues public notice Notifies local officials,

Respondents **submit** testimony

SCC Staff submits its report about the project

**Dominion Energy submits** rebuttal testimony In response to DEQ mmary, staff report and respondent testimony



SCC conducts formal evidentiary hearing Testimony submitted and subject to cross examination by SCC Staff, Dominion Energy and respondents SCC hearing examiner issues report of recommendation

Dominion Energy's Responsibility Public Involvement

Touchpoints.

Optional Step Determined by SCC

Process could take as little as eight months to complete if uncontested, with more complex proceedings ranging from 12-24 months from start to finish



Dominion Energy bogins construction

Dominion Energy pursues additional permits as needed Local permits, U.S. Army Corps ministration (FAA); etc

SCC issues final order

If approved, SCC issues a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) authorizing Dominion Energy to construct and operate the facilities



## **Next Steps**

March 2021	<ul> <li>Meet with local elected officials</li> <li>Project website launched; Dedicated email/phone open</li> <li>Solicit input from cultural advocacy groups</li> </ul>
March 30, 2021	Virtual open house
Apr. 2020	Community outreach continues
Late April 2021	<ul> <li>File Application with Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC)</li> </ul>
Fall 2022	Requested date for SCC approval



## **Questions/Comments**

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