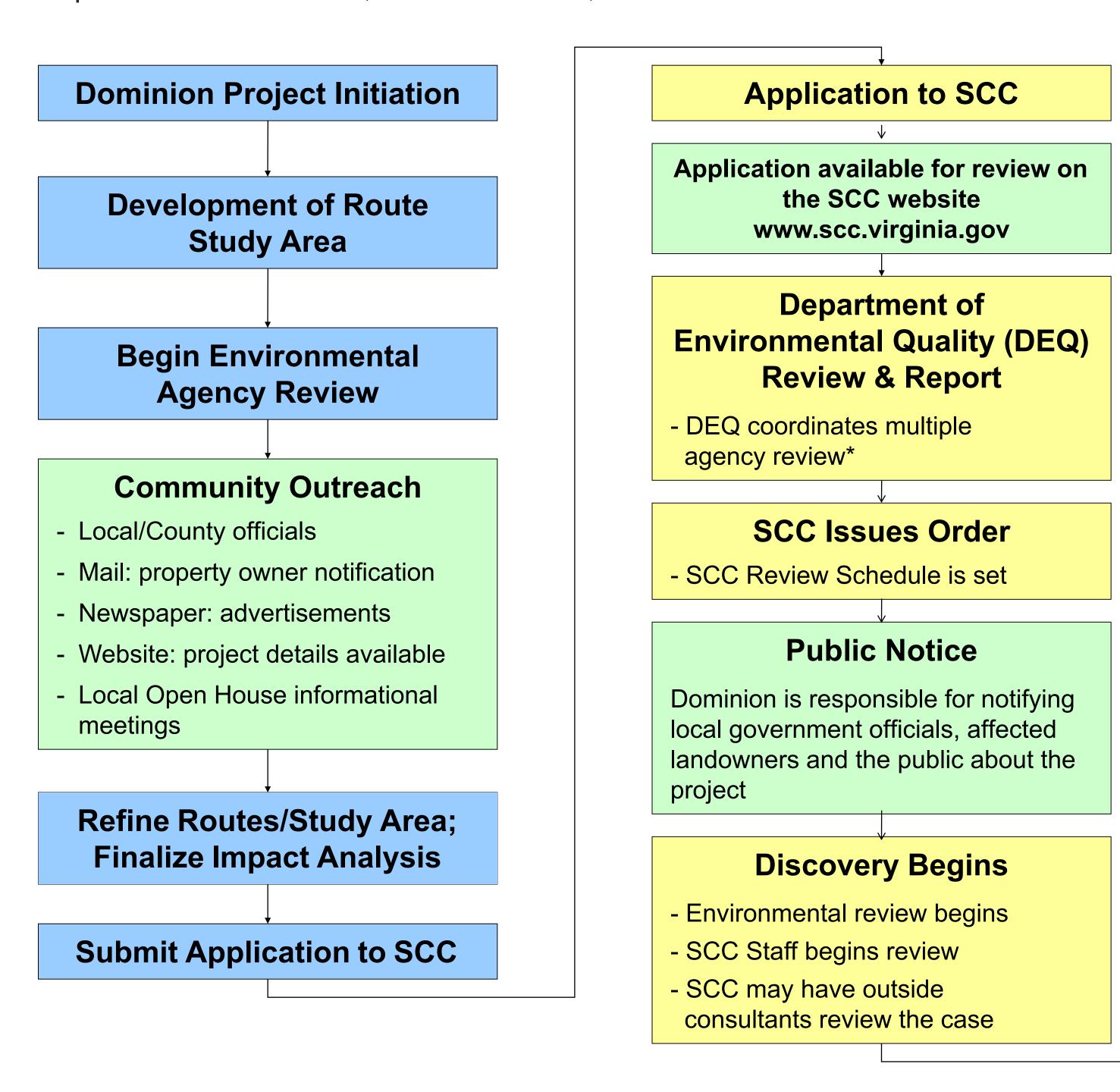
The Transmission Line Approval Process

Virginia's State Corporation Commission (SCC) has regulatory authority over all electric utilities and requires that all transmission facilities at or above 138 kV be certified by the SCC.

The SCC determines the need for a proposed line and the route. Among other elements considered, the SCC must determine that the selected route reasonably minimizes the impact on scenic assets, historic districts, and the environment.



Public Comments

- Comments can be submitted to the SCC electronically or in writing, www.scc.virginia.gov
- Respondents may participate in the case by filing a notice of participation with the Commission Clerk

Respondent Testimony

 Case participants may submit testimony responding to Dominion's application

SCC Staff Report Issued

Dominion Response

 Dominion may submit rebuttal testimony responding to Staff Report, DEQ Report and Respondent testimony

Public Hearing

The SCC may conduct public hearings in different areas that may be affected by the project

Formal Evidentiary Hearing

- The SCC may conduct a formal evidentiary hearing in Richmond
- Testimony is submitted and subject to cross examination by Dominion, participants, and SCC Staff
- A Hearing Examiner usually acts as judge for these proceedings

Hearing Examiner Report

 After hearing the case at formal evidentiary hearing and reviewing all testimony, the Hearing Examiner issues recommendations to the Commission

Comments

 Dominion, participants, and SCC Staff may respond to the Hearing Examiner's Report

SCC Issues Final Order

If approved, the Commission will issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing Dominion to construct the needed facilities

This is a conceptual diagram to illustrate the certification process and is not intended to be a legal description.

Average SCC Process: One year to 2+ years

