

Rural Broadband Initiative

With the passage of the Grid Transformation and Security Act of 2018, the Commonwealth declared electric grid transformation projects, including telecommunications, to be in the public interest. Furthermore, GTSA called for investigation into expanding broadband access to unserved, rural communities.



The Grid Transformation and Security Act



Supporting Public Policy Objectives

Dominion Energy delivered its *Broadband Feasibility Report* in December 2018 to the Governor of Virginia, State Corporation Commission, Broadband Advisory Council, and the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Commerce and Labor. Findings include:

- **Partnerships:** Overcoming the challenges of low population density, needed capital investments, and high per-customer cost to serve can be accomplished by combining efforts and resources from a variety of interested parties and stakeholders.
- **Economic Development Necessity:** Communities that lack high-speed broadband service are at a significant disadvantage for attracting and retaining businesses and residential growth.



By utilizing fiber capacity for operational needs and high-speed internet access, Dominion Energy can reduce broadband deployment costs for internet service providers.



Recent legislation demonstrates how collaboration between many stakeholders can set the stage for long-term cooperation, lower costs, efficiencies, and enhanced services for all participants.



Dominion Energy is actively developing strategic public/private partnerships with non-governmental internet service providers in coordination with localities and entities at federal, state and local levels.

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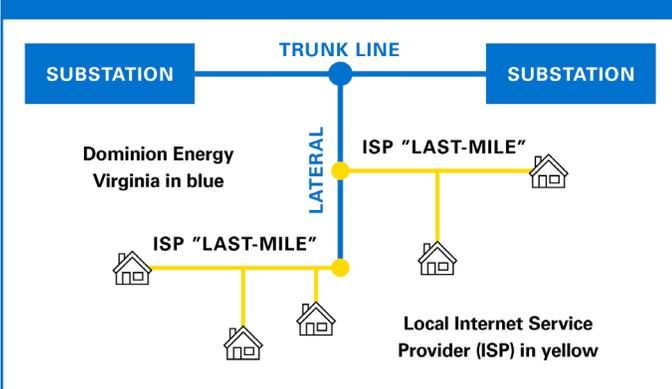


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Many Virginians live without easy access to high-speed internet. Dominion Energy can help. We are in a unique position to bridge the broadband gap. We plan to install fiber optic cable in rural areas as we move forward with efforts to transform our electric grid and connect renewable energy resources.

We are committed to providing value to the customers in the communities we serve and know that delivering broadband capabilities will provide many benefits: supporting economic development, social equity, public safety, healthcare services, and educational opportunities for citizens of the Commonwealth.

MIDDLE-MILE INFRASTRUCTURE



Middle-mile Provider

We propose to provide "middle-mile" fiber optic cable infrastructure to bridge the gap to rural locations. Internet Service Providers manage all "last mile" relationships to serve end-use customers.

Eligibility

Under this initiative, "unserved by broadband" means a designated area in which less than 10 percent are capable of receiving high-speed broadband service greater than 25 MBps download speed and 3 MBps upload speed.



We're actively working to create partnerships with Internet Service Providers to reach localities without high-speed internet within our electric service territory.

Contact us at RuralBroadband@DominionEnergy.com

Visit our website to learn more about announced partnerships
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