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October 13, 2023  
David Souder  
Chair, Transmission Expansion Advisory Committee  
PJM Interconnection LLC  
2750 Monroe Boulevard  
Audubon, PA 19403

Dear Mr. Souder,

On behalf of its citizens, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors urge you to reconsider proposed and short-listed transmission projects for both reliability and projected growth within Fauquier County, primarily driven by Dominion Energy Virginia (Dominion) project submissions to PJM.

Current proposals focus on projected reliability needs into 2028 which the Commonwealth of Virginia's State Corporation Commission (SCC) found to be overstated. The SCC reduced Dominion's three-year project plan by more than 50%. The SCC made such reductions in Dominion's proposal as their consultants and experts testified that Dominion's forecasts were 50 million megawatt-hours too high through 2037 based on their analysis.

For Fauquier County, the current transmission proposals include several projects previously denied by the SCC due to such factors as costs, lack of community support, and routing challenges. This includes such projects as the Wheeler upgrade or its expansion to Warrenton in Fauquier County. Further these routes were recently proposed based on load requests from a data center in Warrenton, Virginia. Dominion subsequently removed these routes from consideration in their public discussions and presentations to the Board of Supervisors over the past year. Rather Dominion and the end user committed to alternative options, with a focus on underground routing.

In addition, the October 3, 2023 RTEP South cluster projects release includes the addition of new 500kV lines in areas that have existing 500kV infrastructure which was recently upgraded by Dominion. If RTEP projects are driven by data center growth in Data Center Alley, as indicated in the report, those electrical needs and requirements should be concentrated within the Northern Virginia region.

Thank you for consideration of this matter for Fauquier County and our citizens. The County is open to alternative options such as use of existing transmission corridors, underground development, and reconductoring of existing infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Butler, Chairman

cc: Virginia Delegate Michael Weibert  
Virginia Delegate Phillip Scott  
Virginia Senator Jill Vogel