

Belmont Community Association

August 26, 2024

Commissioners of the Virginia State Corporation Commission
P.O. Box 1197
Richmond, VA 23218

Re: Support of Undergrounding 500kV/230kV Transmission Lines along the Aspen to Golden Route

Dear Commissioners,

As a follow up to my telephonic testimony on August 6th, I am writing to provide additional information related to Belmont HOA's concern regarding Dominion's proposed transmission towers along Route 7 in Loudoun County.

The Belmont Homeowners Association, representing the interests of our residential community in Loudoun County, writes to express our strong support for the undergrounding of the 500kV/230kV transmission lines along the Aspen to Golden Route. This initiative is crucial for safeguarding the safety, environmental integrity, and overall quality of life for our residents.

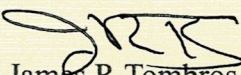
Belmont is renowned for its picturesque landscapes, family-friendly atmosphere, and commitment to sustainable development. The presence of overhead transmission lines along the Aspen to Golden Route detracts from the natural beauty of our neighborhood and raises concerns about potential health impacts associated with electromagnetic fields. Undergrounding these transmission lines will significantly mitigate these visual and health-related concerns, thereby enhancing the aesthetic appeal and tranquility of our community.

Furthermore, underground transmission technology offers superior reliability and resilience compared to overhead lines. Underground lines are less vulnerable to weather-related disruptions, such as severe storms and high winds, which are common in our region. This increased reliability ensures uninterrupted electricity supply to our homes, supporting the safety and comfort of our residents.

In addition to the immediate benefits to our residential community, undergrounding the transmission lines aligns with our HOA's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable living. By minimizing visual blight and reducing environmental impact, we contribute to the long-term preservation of our natural resources and promote the overall well-being of our residents.

In conclusion, the Belmont Homeowners Association urges the Virginia State Corporation Commission to prioritize the undergrounding of 500kV/230kV transmission lines along the Aspen to Golden Route. This decision will uphold our community's values of safety, environmental responsibility, and quality of life. We stand ready to support and collaborate with the Commission in advancing this critical infrastructure improvement for the benefit of Belmont residents and the broader Loudoun County community.

Thank you for considering our perspective on this matter. Should you require any further information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact our association.
Sincerely,



James R Tombros, President
Belmont Homeowners Association