



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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## **STATEMENT OF SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT**

January 14, 2008

The State Corporation Commission  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Clerk  
P.O. Box 1197  
Richmond, VA 23218

RE: PUE-2007-00031

Dear Commissioners:

I support Dominion Virginia Power's request to construct a new 500kv electric transmission line to ensure the reliability of the power supply to meet Northern Virginia's growing demand for electricity.

As a life-long resident and business and civic leader in Fairfax County, I have worked with other community leaders to promote and sustain a strong economy and high quality of life in Northern Virginia. One of the critical components of this strong economy and high quality of life is adequate infrastructure – whether that is transportation, education, public safety or life's necessities including water and energy.

Many years ago Fairfax County had the vision to ensure that we had sufficient access to water to support our growing region by ensuring we had reliability in our sources of water. Today I ask you to have the vision to ensure that the citizens of the Springfield District, Fairfax County and Northern Virginia have the access to reliable electrical power we need to meet our needs beyond 2011. Reliable electrical power has become one of life's necessities.

In my current role as Springfield District Supervisor on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I represent the interests of residents and dynamic companies, both of which have made Fairfax County one of the most desirable places to live and work in the United States. In order to sustain the quality of life which we have achieved, we will continue to rely on the energy needed to sustain and improve the lives of our citizens and their communities.

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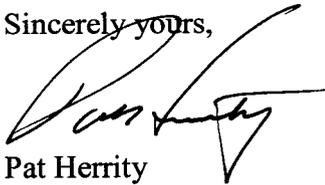
Continued economic growth in Northern Virginia, and the prosperity it brings to all of Virginia, is dependant upon continued reliable power. Our growing economy and quality of life demands the necessary investment in the infrastructure that will support the economic engine of Virginia.

Dominion Virginia Power's analysis along with the third party reviews, including the recent studies requested by the State Corporation Commission staff, confirms the need for additional transmission capacity and recognizes that the construction of the new 500kv line is the optimal, most efficient solution to meet our growing demand for reliable power.

Dominion has demonstrated a commitment to energy conservation and alternative power but these efforts alone will not be sufficient to eliminate the need for this power line. Dominion's current proposal, which largely follows existing power line paths, avoids many environmentally sensitive areas.

For all these stated reasons, please accept my support for Dominion's request.

Sincerely yours,



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Springfield District Supervisor  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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