

Send Comments to the State Corporation Commission:

Charlottesville-Gordonsville 230 kV Transmission Line “Wreck and Rebuild” Project

Sample Public Comment:

I am submitting this public comment regarding State Corporation Commission (SCC) Case No. PUR-2026-00050, Dominion Energy's Proposed Charlottesville-Gordonsville 230 kV Rebuild/Expansion Project.

I request that the SCC extend the public comment period. A 37-day comment period is an insufficient time to allow for community members to submit comments concerning the project's impacts on historic resources, scenic values, agricultural operations, environmental resources, and the adequacy of Dominion Energy's consideration of alternatives. The public comment period should be extended at least by 60 additional days.

Dominion Energy's proposal is to wreck, rebuild, and expand 15.8 miles of the existing single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Dominion's Charlottesville and Gordonsville substations as a double-circuit 230 kV transmission line. This project proposes massive steel towers approximately two to three times the height of the existing wood structures through the Southwest Mountains Rural Historic District and residential neighborhoods in the Pantops area.

This Charlottesville-Gordonsville project cuts through scores of permanently conserved parcels, the Southwest Mountains Rural Historic District and falls within the Monticello Viewshed Protection Area and the [Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area](#), and is proximate the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway along State Routes 22 and 231.

In addition to being highly valued nationally-significant resources, their preservation directly contributes to our region's tourism industry, which depends heavily on protecting the area's historic and scenic landscapes — [valued at nearly \\$1 billion annually](#).

The SCC must require Dominion Energy's full consideration of alternatives and mitigation of impacts including, but not limited to:

- Undergrounding portions of the line;
- Lowest feasible tower heights;

- Towers constructed of weathering steel (brown color, dull finish);
- Minimize disturbance during construction;
- Avoidance of direct impacts to residences and residential neighborhoods;
- Mitigate adverse impacts to cultural, scenic, and natural resources, residences, and residential neighborhoods in cases where impacts cannot be avoided; and
- Establishing enforceable limits on future expansion.

[Add personal details about how the project may affect you. Consider adding information regarding impacts to your property, home, or business such as visual impacts, construction impacts, loss of trees, woodlands, water resources. Consider adding comments regarding other impacts such as impacts to historic properties, scenic byways, and tourist destinations.]

How to send comments to the SCC on or before July 8, 2026:

- [Online](#): Instructions on the Commission's webpage (Case No. PUR-2026-00050)
- By Mail: Send your written comments to:
Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, % Document Control Center
P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118
- All filings must refer to Case No. PUR-2026-00050