

Town Hall on Transmission Lines and Data Centers

*Highland School, Warrenton
November 13, 2023*



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Agenda

Welcome | Yak Lubowsky

**The Data Center Challenge In Northern Virginia and it's Latest Manifestation —
Transmission Power Lines**

Chris Miller, PEC

**Fauquier County Now in the Crosshairs — Warrenton and Beyond (will include
brief SUP litigation update**

Pat Ewing, CFFC

What Our Coalition is Doing and How Citizens Can Help

Cindy Burbank, PF

Q&A + Town Hall Close | Presenter Panel + Yak Lubowsky

Energy Infrastructure and Data Centers



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*Community Meeting at Highland School - November 13, 2023
Chris Miller, President*



Chris Miller

President

The Piedmont Environmental Council

PEC's mission:

Protect and restore the lands and waters of the Virginia Piedmont, while building stronger, more sustainable communities.



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KENTUCKY

MARYLAND

DELAWARE

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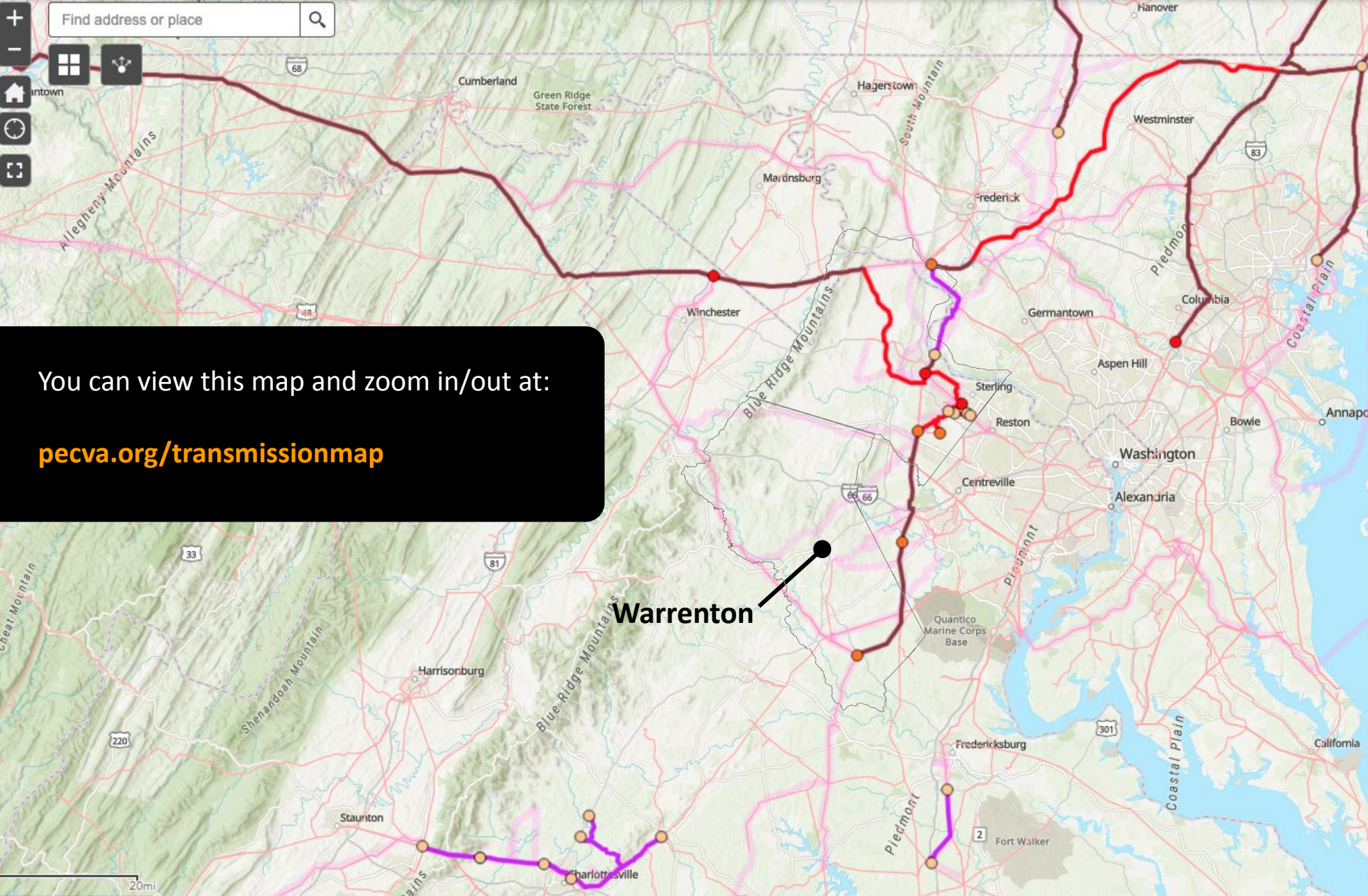
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James River

Potomac River

Chesapeake Bay

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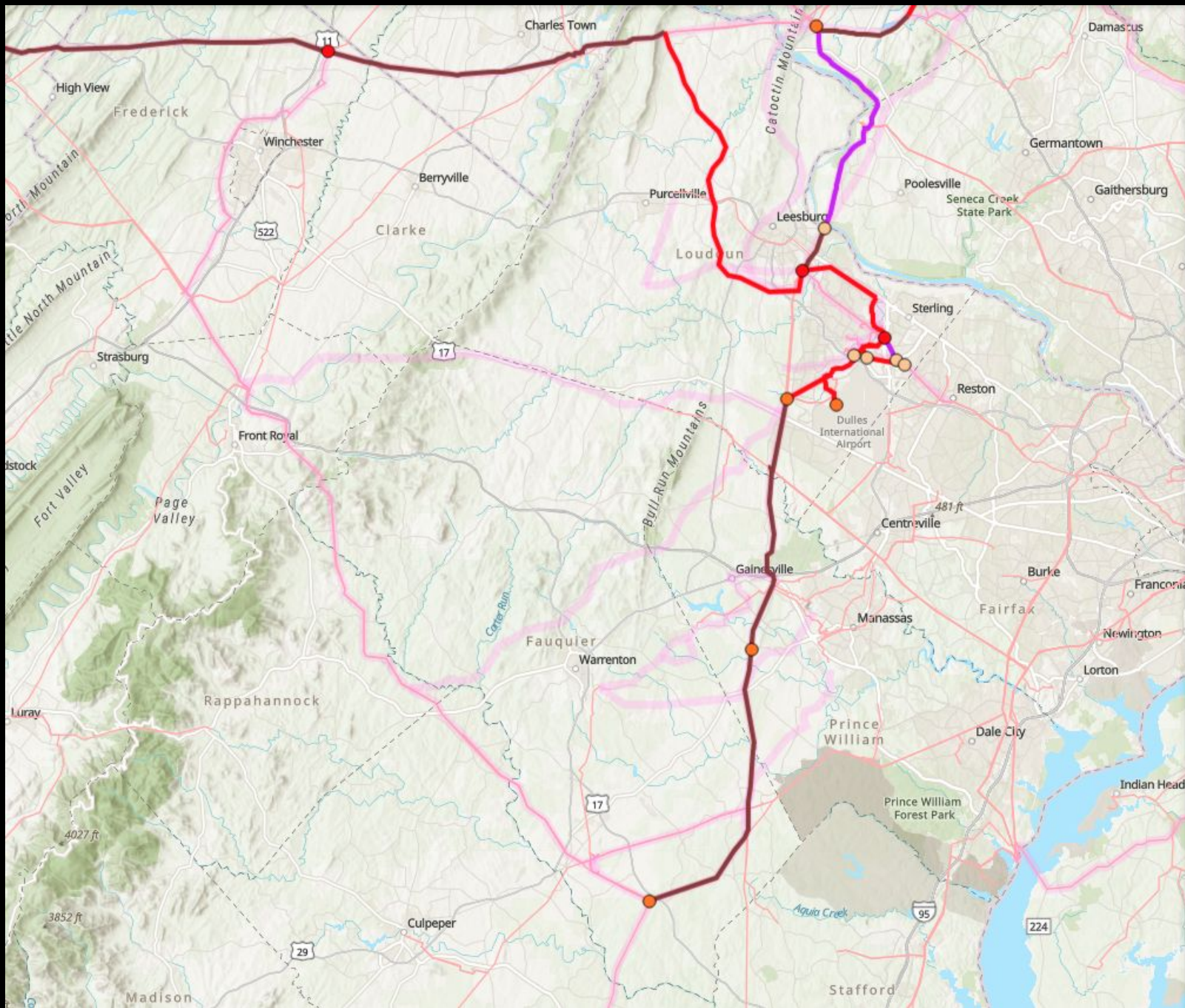
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 - Designation
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pecva.org/transmissionmap

Warrenton



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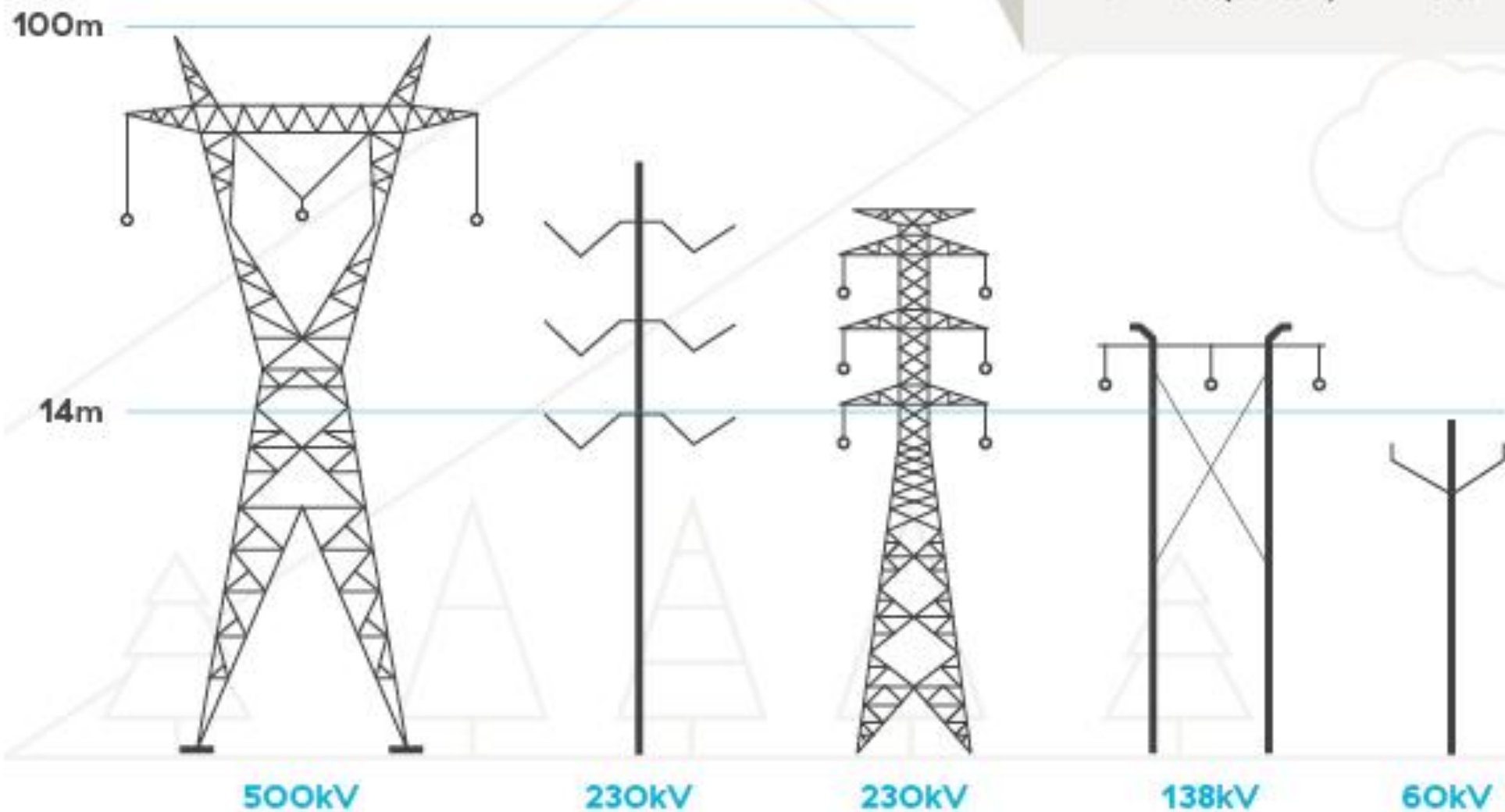


Transmission lines

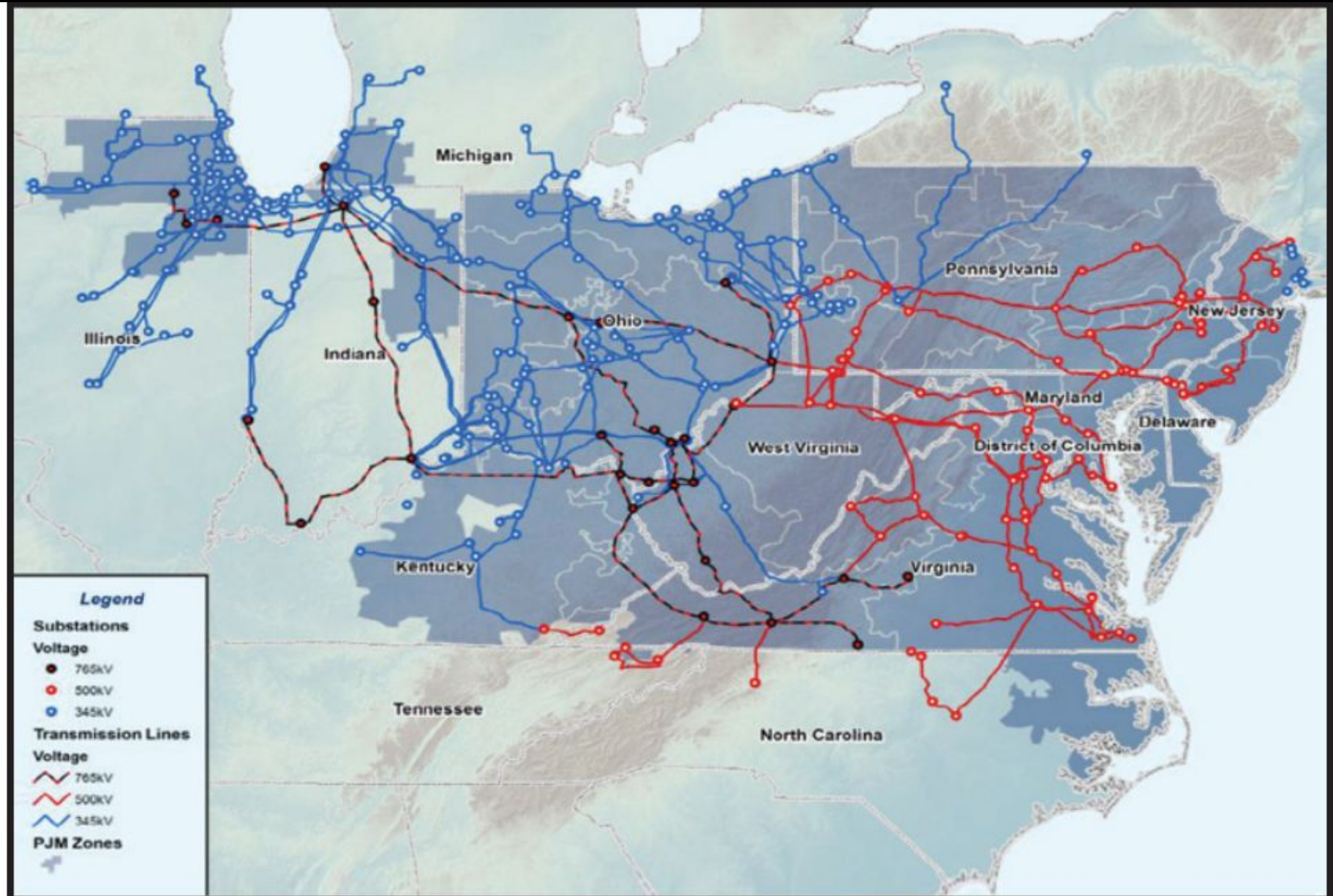
Transmission lines are the big, high voltage power lines that bring electricity from where it's made at our generating stations to substations near communities across B.C.

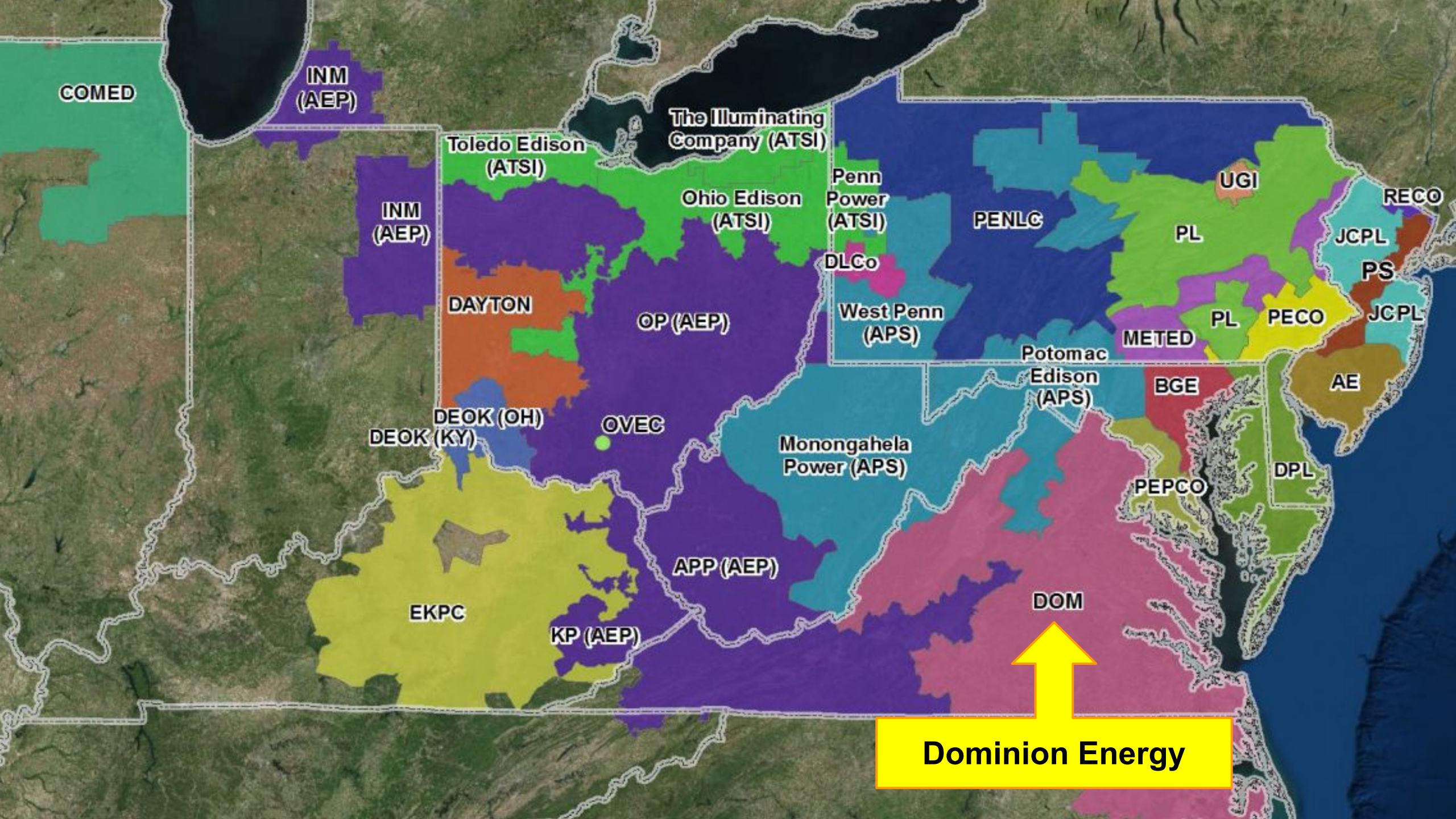
What's a kV?

kV stands for kilovolt, which is a unit of potential energy. One kV is equal to 1,000 volts.



Regional Transmission Operator - PJM





PJM's rationale:

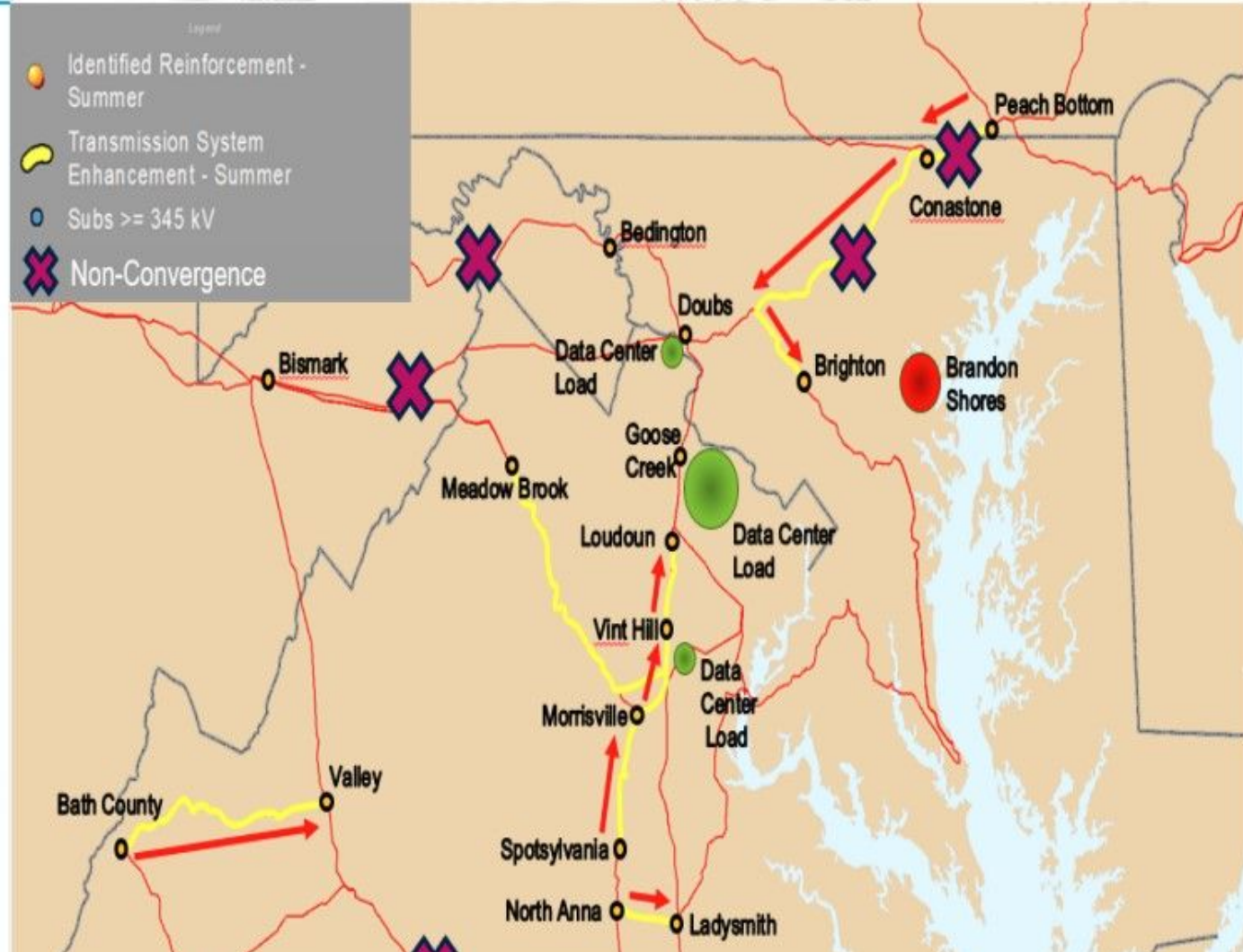


2022W3 RTEP- Summary of Drivers/Needs

- PJM has had unprecedented data center load growth (up to ~7,500 MW) currently forecasted by 2027- 28 in Dominion (Northern Virginia) and APS (Doubs)
- 11,100 MW of announced deactivations to the west and south of Conestoga
- Approximately 1,000 MW occurring after the 2022

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- PJM has implemented a new block dispatch procedure
- The old dispatch procedure maintained historical intraregional transfers, dispatching most of the generators in the Dominion zone at 100%



There's **something big** going on.

We don't have all the answers, but we know what's happening is important and we know it matters immensely to the **future of Virginia**.

We need to be creative and work together.

Today's Discussion

- Explosive growth of the data center industry
- Trends and projections
- Who is making the decisions
- What can we individually and collectively do





The digital age relies on **data centers**

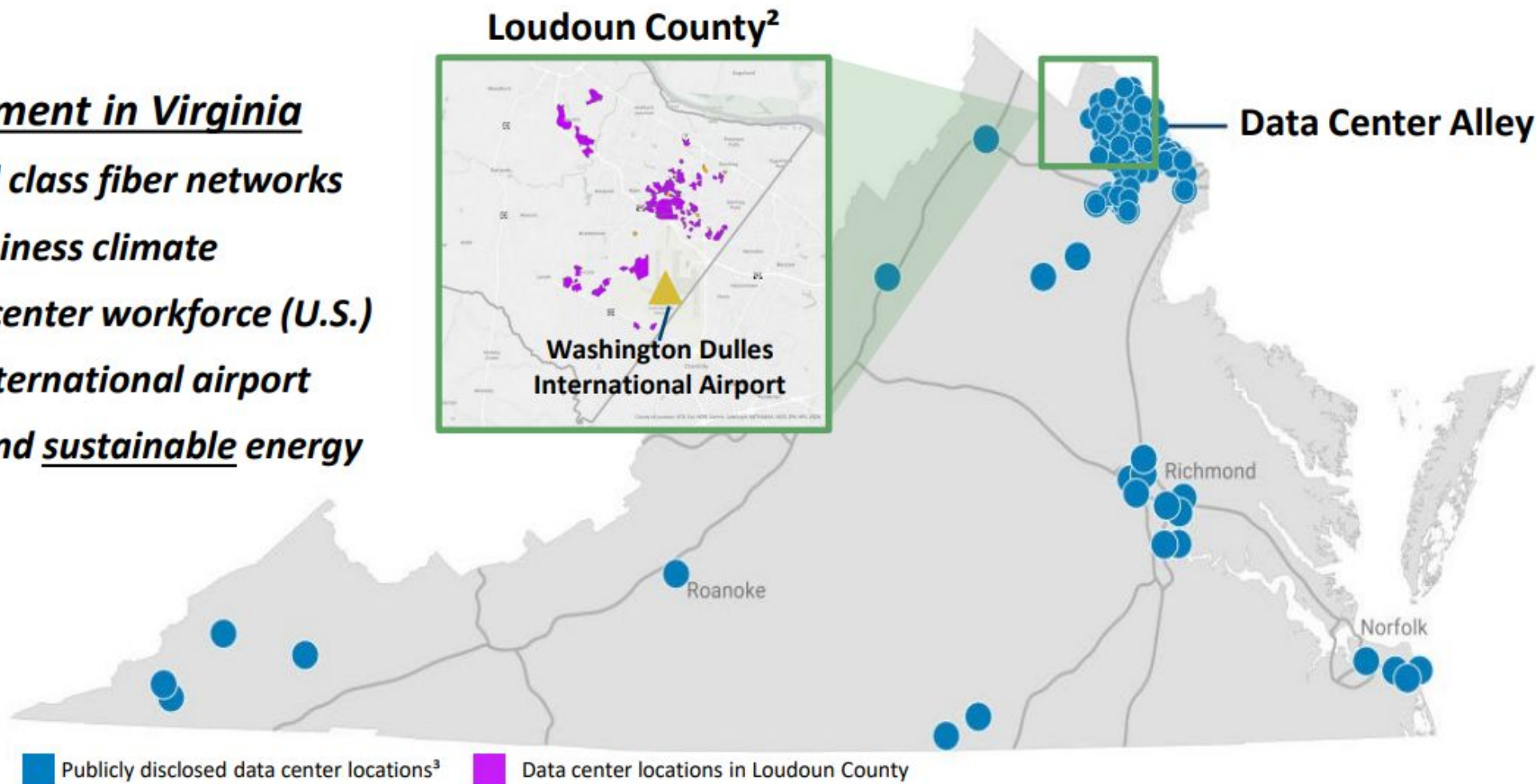


Dominion Energy Virginia

Northern Virginia boasts the largest data center market in the world¹

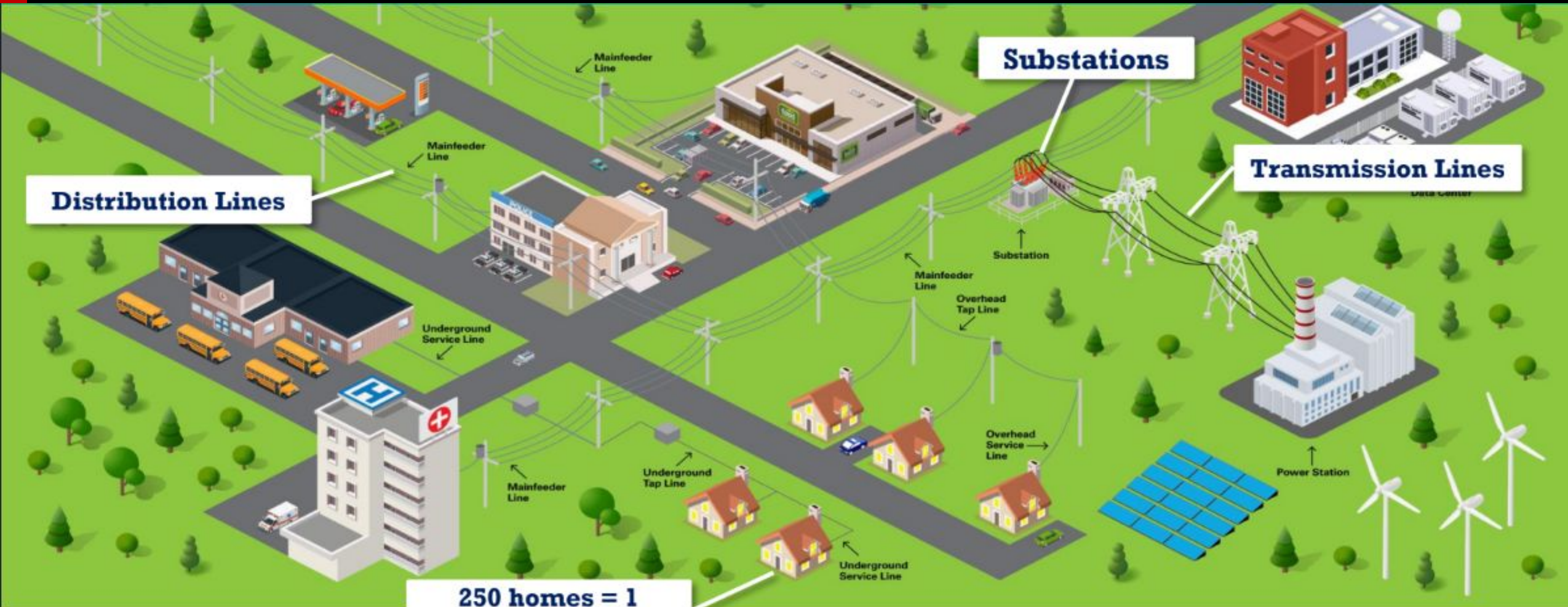
Data center development in Virginia

- ✓ **Connectivity to world class fiber networks**
 - ✓ **Attractive business climate**
- ✓ **Access to largest data center workforce (U.S.)**
- ✓ **Access to nearby international airport**
- ✓ **Access to affordable and sustainable energy**



Committed to deliver safe, reliable, affordable and sustainable energy to our customers

The digital age relies on a **reliable power grid**



May 22, 2023

*1000 MW = 1 gigawatt



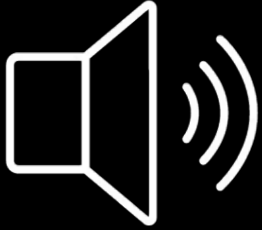
Data centers consume a huge amount of electricity



They rely on **diesel generators** for backup power



They create a host of **community-level impacts**



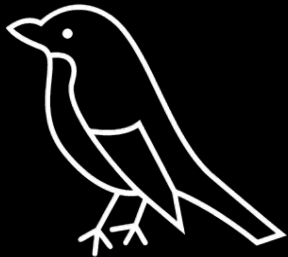
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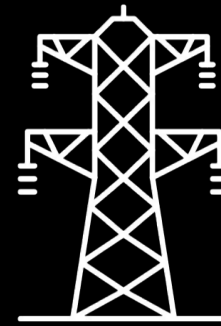
Air Quality



Wildlife Habitat



Design



Transmission

And the proposals are **getting much bigger**

- Older data centers used 10-15 MW per building, and multi-building campuses were rare.
- Now we are seeing 30-90 MW data centers with multi building campuses.
- A large campus could use 600-1000 MW or more.



Approved But Unbuilt + Applications Filed (Virginia)

County	Status	Development square feet	Estimated Power Range
Loudoun	Approved	12,286,529	1,843MW – 5,529MW
	Applications	10,938,449	1,641MW – 4,922MW
Prince William	Approved	10,719,984	1,608MW – 4,824MW
	Applications	42,510,328	6,377MW – 19,130MW
Fauquier	Approved	2,901,000	435MW – 1,305MW
Culpeper	Approved	4,630,000	695MW – 2,083MW
	Applications	1,990,000	299MW - 896MW
Stafford	Applications	6,010,000	902MW – 2,705MW
Spotsylvania/Caroline	Applications	6,600,000	990MW – 2,970MW
King George	Applications	7,500,000	1,125MW – 3,375MW

Approved But Unbuilt + Applications Filed (Virginia)

Data Centers:

Total Approved But Unbuilt

- 30+ million sq ft
- 4,000 MW – 14,000 MW

Data Centers:

Total Including Applications

- 106+ million sq ft
- 16,000 MW – 48,000 MW

These are **HUGE numbers**.

If 1 MW can power 250 homes...

48,000 MW would power
12 million homes!

Prince William Digital Gateway

3 gigawatts (GW) of energy, equivalent to the power used by 750,000 homes

37 buildings and 15 substations

No allocated right of way for transmission lines connecting the new substations.

Planning Commission Recommended
DENIAL



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The hidden costs of AI: Impending energy and resource strain

Deep Jariwala and Benjamin C. Lee on the energy and resource problems AI computing could bring.



In recent years, artificial intelligence (AI) models like ChatGPT have seen notable improvements, with some people concerned about the societal impacts these new technologies may bring including looming concerns related to increasing energy and raw materials demands. (Image: iStock/Alexey Tolmachov)

REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF
NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES AND
VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND
TRADE

**Modeling Decarbonization:
Report Summary and Policy
Brief for Virginia Governor's
Office Administration and
Policymakers (Chapter 1194,
2020)**

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA



SENATE DOCUMENT NO. 17

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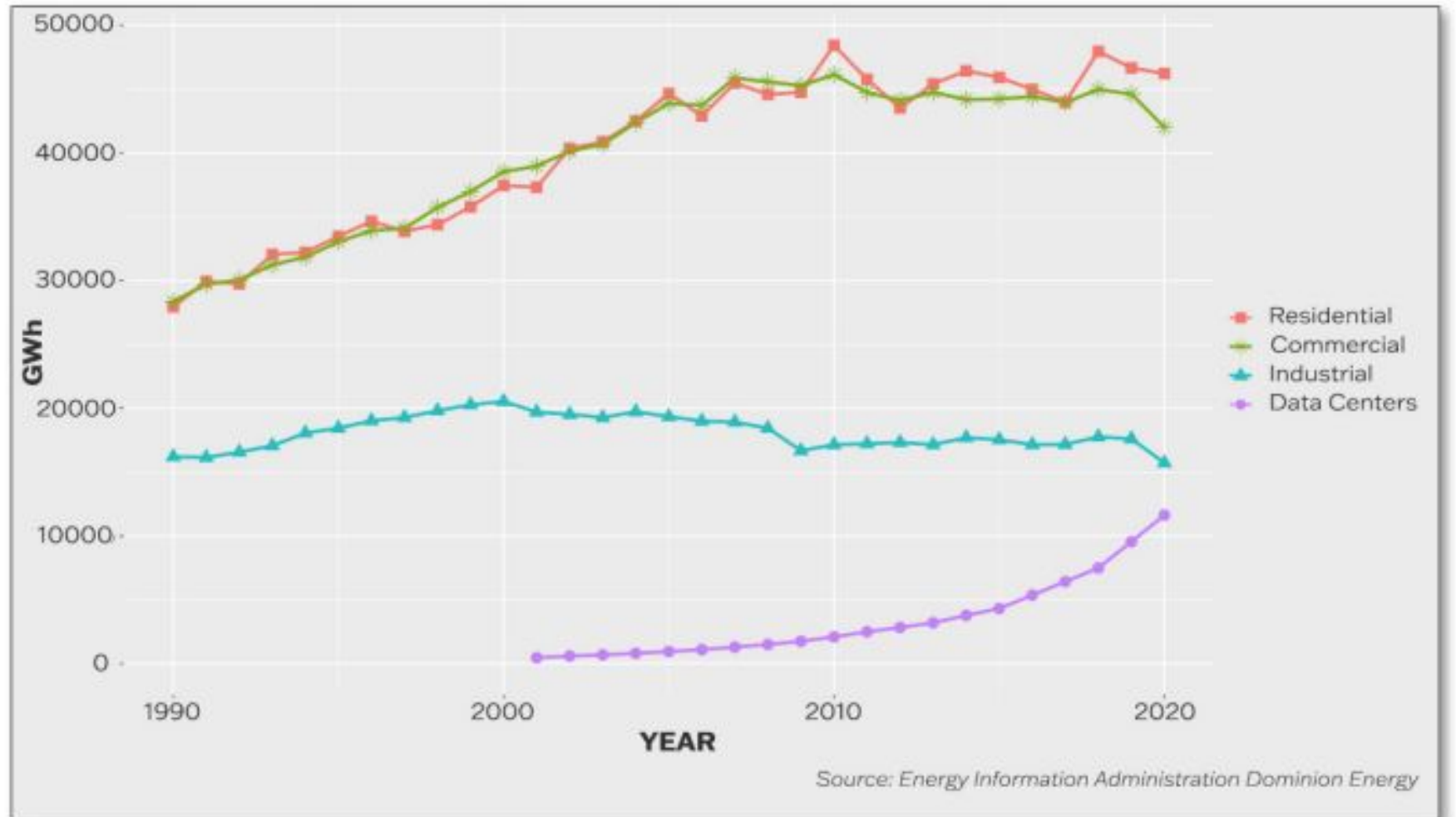


Figure 2: Annual Virginia Electricity Sales by End Use

Consumption

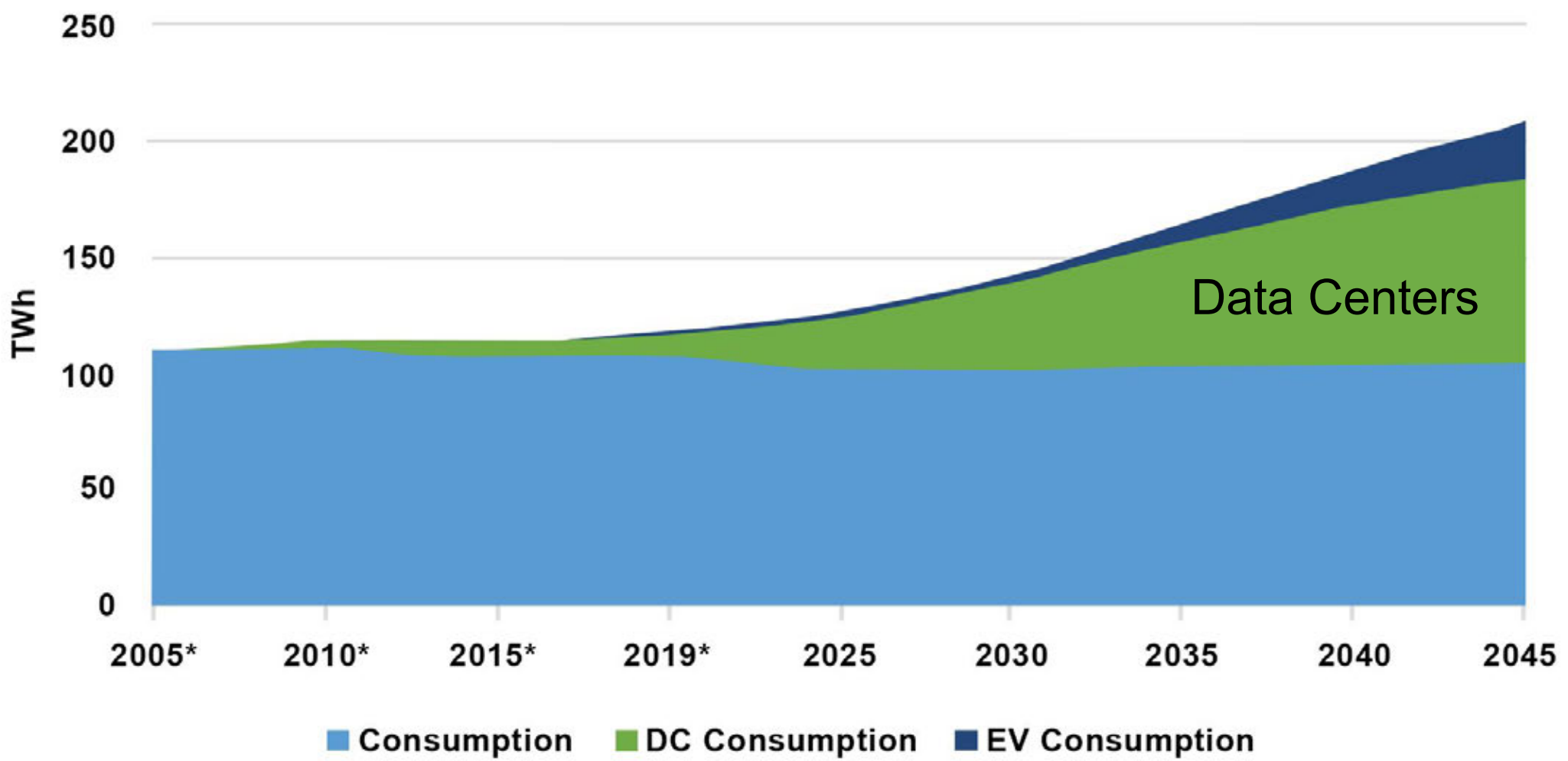
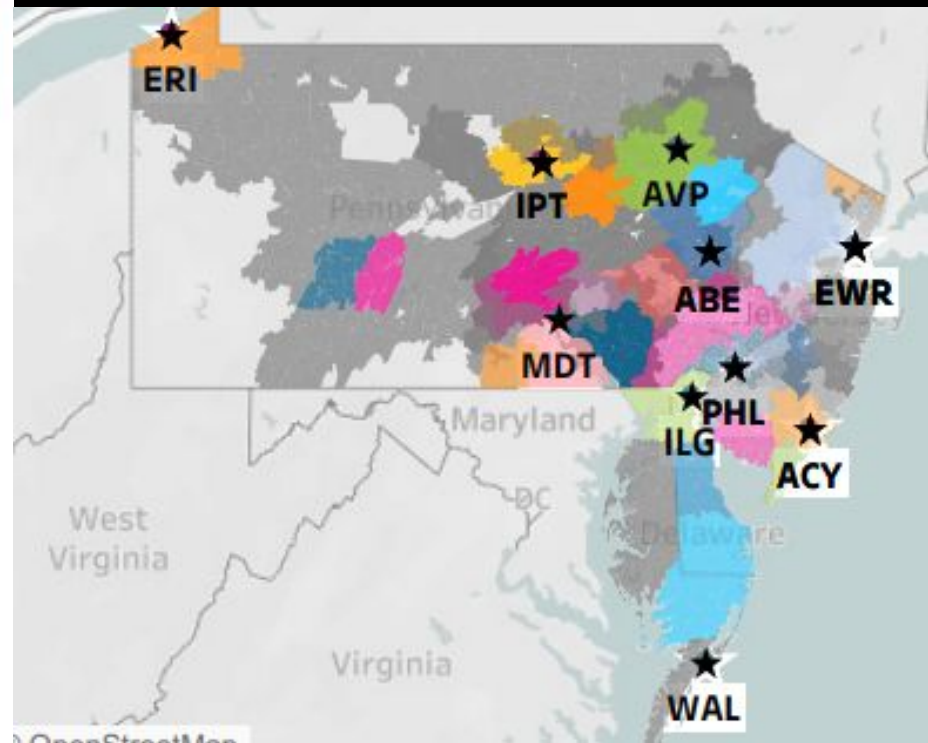
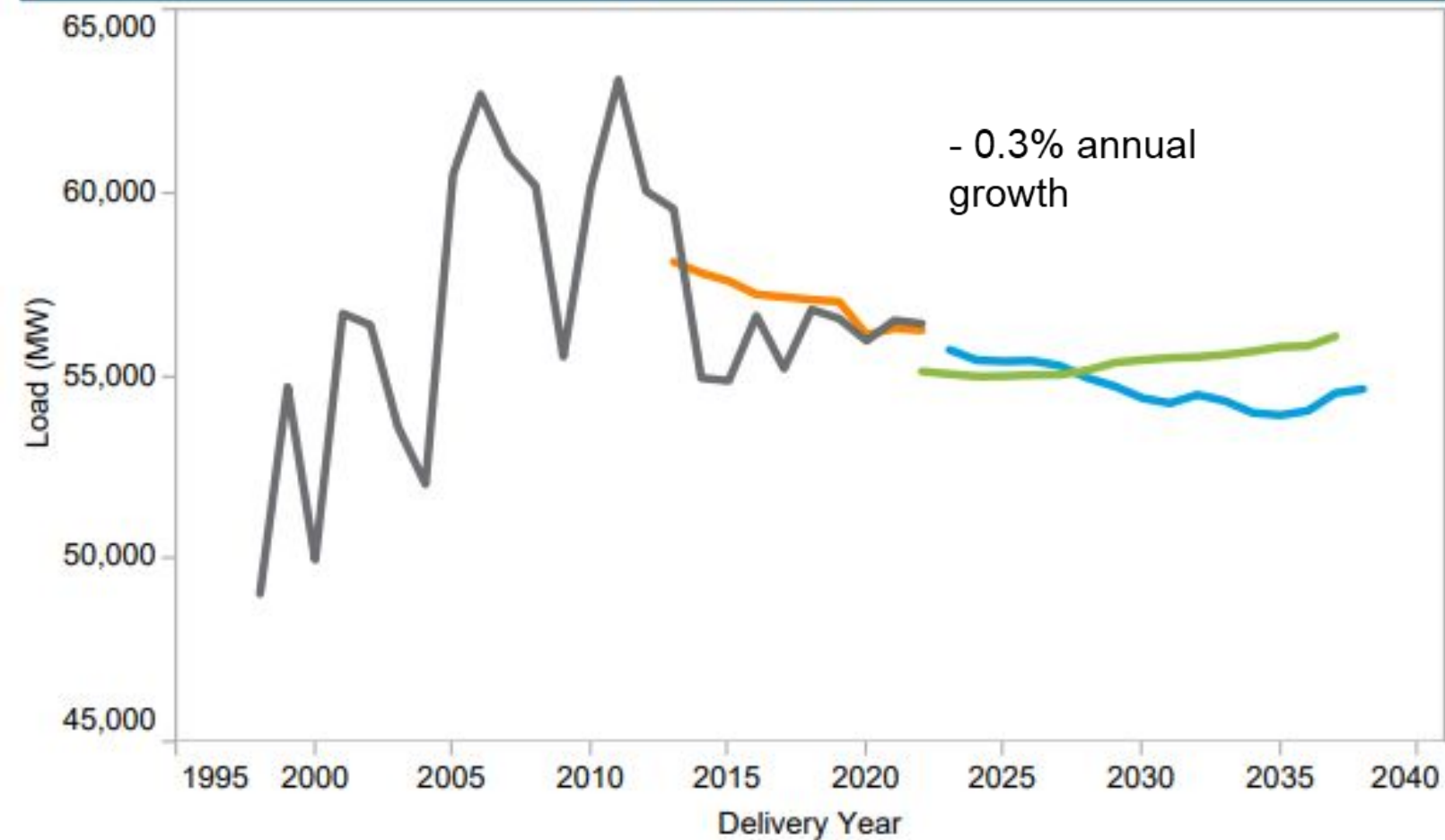


Figure 6: Electricity Sales - Baseline and High Demand Scenarios

**What's happening in Virginia
is unprecedented.**

PJM Mid Atlantic Territory

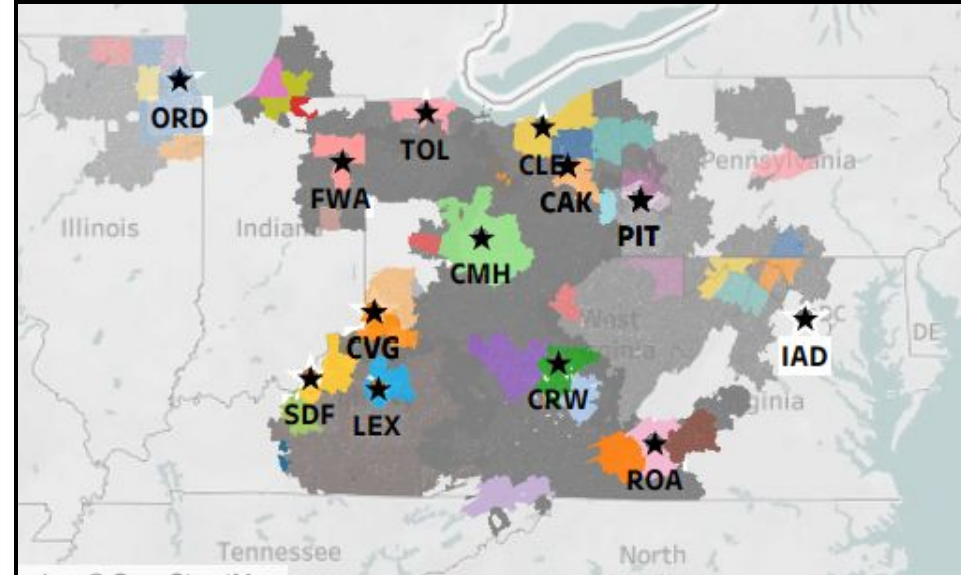
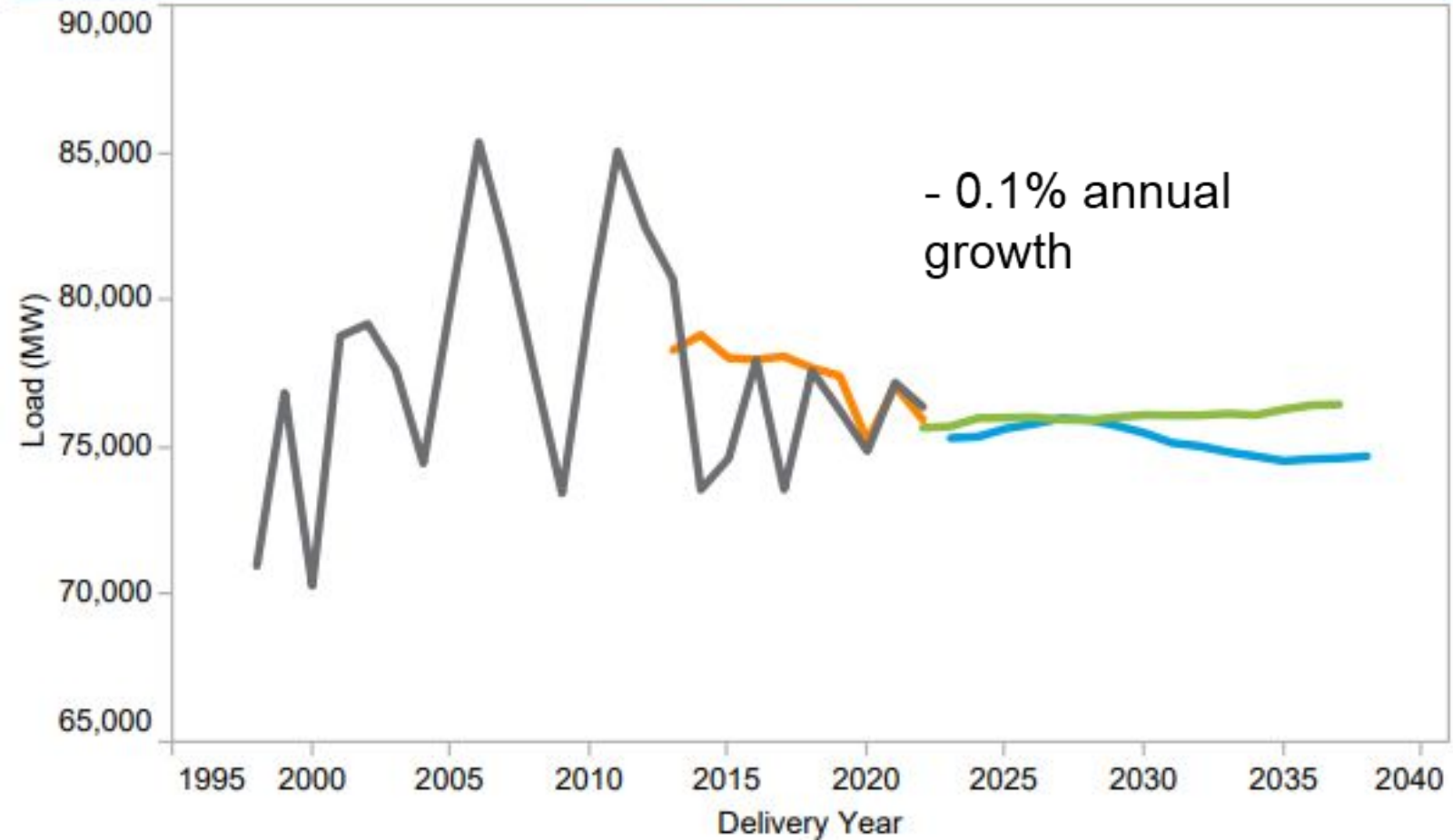
Summer Peak



Green = 2022 projection
Blue = 2023 projection

PJM **Western** Territory

Summer Peak

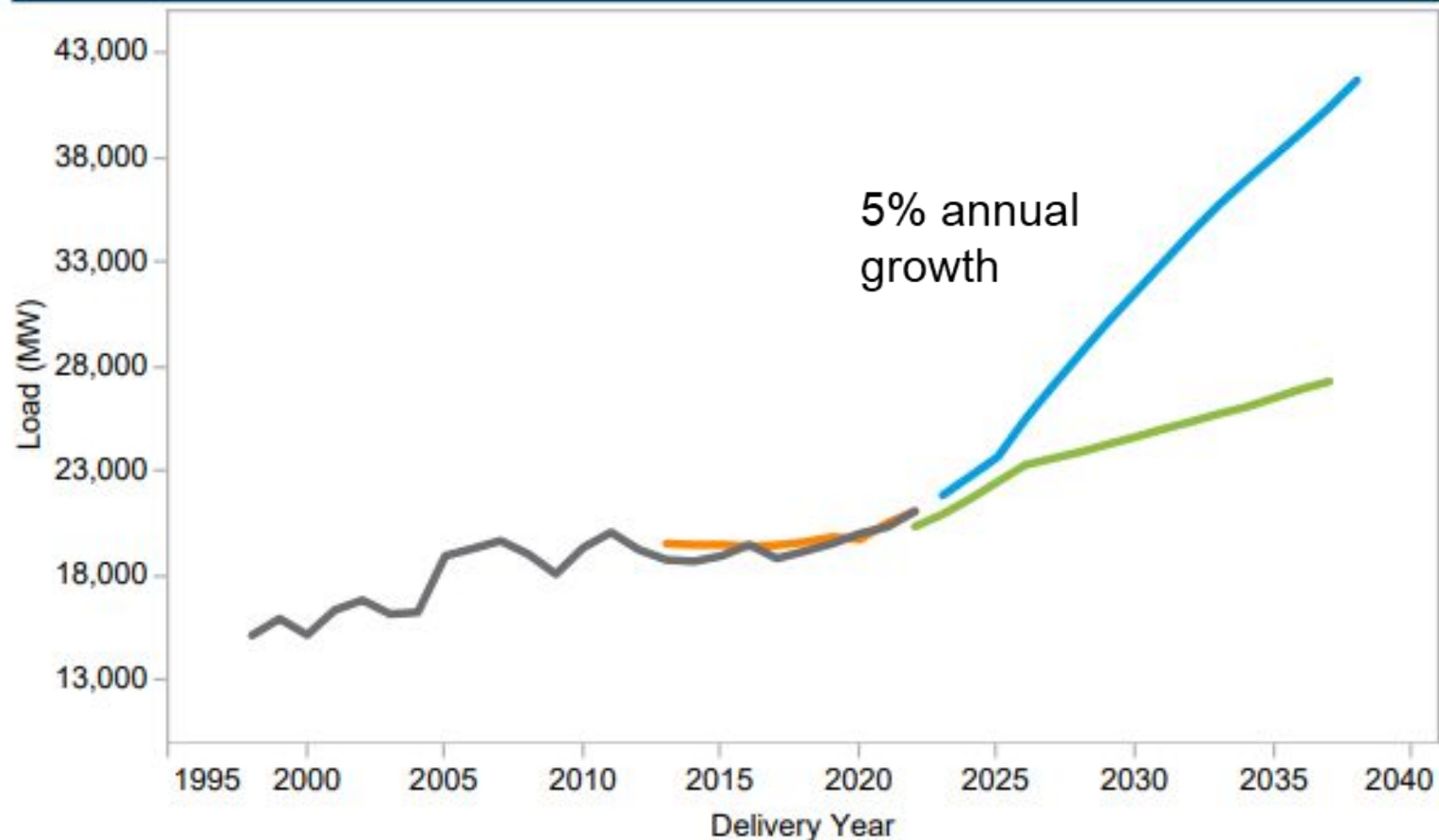


Green = 2022 projection

Blue = 2023 projection

Dominion Territory Explosive Growth Trends

Summer Peak



Green = 2022 projection
Blue = 2023 projection

That's a **doubling of Virginia's peak load**
within 14 years!

What's Dominion's Plan?



ENERGY + ENVIRONMENT

Dominion projects new gas plants, advanced nuclear will be needed to meet soaring demand

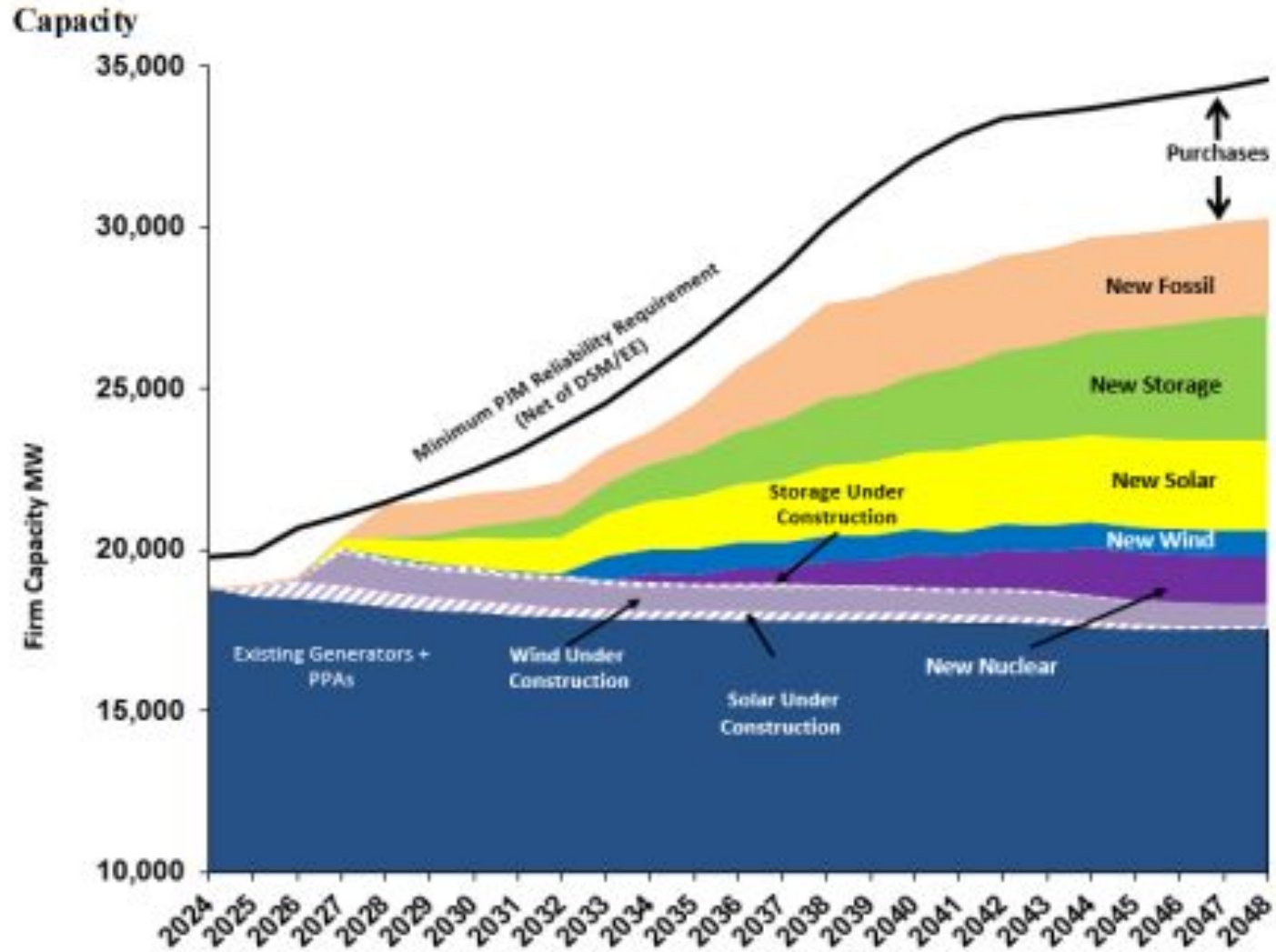
Latest long-range plan shows data centers and electrification are driving rising power needs

BY: CHARLIE PAULLIN - MAY 3, 2023 12:02 AM



Dominion's plans **rely** on...

Appendix 2A: Plan B - Summer Capacity, Energy, and RECs



Executive Summary Table: 2023 Plan Results

	Plan A	Plan B	Plan C	Plan D	Plan E
NPV Total (\$B)	\$109.70	\$127.70	\$127.20	\$140.90	\$138.00
Approximate CO₂ Emissions from Company in 2048 (Metric Tons)	43.8 M	35.9 M	36 M	0 M	0 M
Solar (MW)	10,800 15 yr. 19,800 25 yr.	10,875 15 yr. 19,875 25 yr.	10,800 15 yr. 19,800 25 yr.	10,875 15 yr. 23,955 25 yr.	11,094 15 yr. 24,294 25 yr.
Wind (MW)	3,040 15 yr. 3,220 25 yr.	3,040 15 yr. 3,220 25 yr.	3,040 15 yr. 3,220 25 yr.	3,040 15 yr. 3,220 25 yr.	3,040 15 yr. 3,220 25 yr.
Storage (MW)	1,050 15 yr. 3,960 25 yr.	2,370 15 yr. 5,190 25 yr.	2,220 15 yr. 5,220 25 yr.	2,370 15 yr. 9,780 25 yr.	2,910 15 yr. 10,350 25 yr.
Nuclear (MW)	— 15 yr. — 25 yr.	804 15 yr. 1,608 25 yr.	804 15 yr. 1,608 25 yr.	1,608 15 yr. 4,824 25 yr.	1,072 15 yr. 4,288 25 yr.
Natural Gas-Fired (MW)	5,905 15 yr. 9,300 25 yr.	2,910 15 yr. 2,910 25 yr.	2,910 15 yr. 2,910 25 yr.	970 15 yr. 970 25 yr.	970 15 yr. 970 25 yr.
Retirements (MW)	— 15 yr. — 25 yr.	— 15 yr. — 25 yr.	— 15 yr. — 25 yr.	— 15 yr. 11,399 25 yr.	— 15 yr. 11,399 25 yr.

This cost will be passed on to ratepayers



“...the Company projects the monthly bill of a Virginia residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) per month to be \$243.20 by 2035, an increase of \$127.02 over the May 1, 2020 level...”

- Dominion legal notice Oct. 25, 2023

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) FILING BY VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUR-2023-00142

Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia (“Dominion”) has submitted its 2023 Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) Filing (“2023 RPS Filing”). The 2023 RPS Filing includes Dominion’s RPS Development Plan and requests for approval to construct or acquire and operate four new utility-scale projects and to enter into 13 new power purchase agreements.

Dominion requests approval of revised Rider CE with a revenue requirement of \$136,764,666 over the rate year beginning May 1, 2024, and concluding April 30, 2025. According to Dominion, this amount would increase a typical residential customer’s bill using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month by \$124.

A Hearing Extension requested by the Commission will hold a telephone hearing in this case on January 30, 2024, at 10 a.m., for the receipt of public witness testimony.

An evidentiary hearing will also be held on January 30, 2024, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission’s second floor courtroom located in the 15th Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony and evidence of Dominion, any respondents, and Commission staff.

Further information about this case is available on the SOC website at www.soc.virginia.gov/cases/case-information.

During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1103 (HB 1526) and 1194 (SB 854) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These duplicate Acts of Assembly, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act (“VCEA”), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, in part, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard (“RPS”) program (“RPS Program”) for Virginia Electric and Power Company (“Dominion”) or “Company” in § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia (“Code”). Subdivision D-4 of Code § 56-585.5 requires Dominion to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity (“RPS Filing”). The Commission must determine whether the RPS Filing is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 56-585.5; (ii) the promotion of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth, and associated economic development; and (iii) fuel savings projected to be achieved by the plan.

On October 3, 2023, Dominion submitted its annual RPS Filing to the Commission (“2023 RPS Filing” or “Filing”). The 2023 RPS Filing requests the Commission:

- Approve the Company’s annual plan for the development of new solar, onshore wind, and energy storage resources (“RPS Development Plan”) in connection with the mandatory RPS Program pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D-4;
- Grant certificates of public convenience and necessity (“CPCNs”) and approval to construct or acquire and operate four utility-scale projects totaling approximately 329 megawatts (“MW”) of solar pursuant to Code § 56-580 D;
- Approve to recover through the Rider CE rate adjustment clause the costs of (a) five utility-scale solar projects, totaling approximately 334 MW, and related interconnection facilities (collectively, “CE-4 Projects”), and (b) one distributed solar project, totaling approximately 3 MW, and related interconnection facilities (“CE-4 Distributed Solar Project”), pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A-6;
- Approve an update to Rider CE for recovery of costs associated with the previously approved CE-1, CE-2, and CE-3 projects, the CE-2 and CE-3 distributed solar projects, and related interconnection facilities;
- Make a prudence determination for the Company to enter into 13 power purchase agreements (“PPAs”) for solar resources, totaling approximately 435 MW, (collectively, “CE-4 PPAs”) pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A-7;
- Approve recovery through Rider CE of the costs of the CE-4 PPAs pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A-5; and
- Approve the Company’s request to consolidate Rider CE and Rider PPA pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A-7, resulting in: (a) the recovery of costs associated with the CE-1, CE-2, and CE-3 PPAs through Rider CE, and (b) the end of Rider PPA as of April 30, 2024.

RPS Development Plan

Dominion states that its RPS Development Plan reports on the Company’s progress toward meeting the solar, onshore wind, and energy storage development targets outlined in the VCEA and presents the Company’s development plan for solar, onshore wind, and energy storage facilities through 2035. The Company’s RPS Development Plan calls for additional investment in solar, onshore wind, and energy storage through 2035.

The Company also provides a consolidated bill analysis calculating the projected monthly bill through 2035 for residential, small general service, and large general service customers for each alternative plan presented in the Company’s 2023 Integrated Resource Plan. For Alternative Plan B, for example, the Company projects the monthly bill of a Virginia residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours (“kWh”) per month to be \$243.20 by 2035, an increase of \$127.02 over the May 1, 2020 level of \$116.18, using the methodology approved by the Commission in Case No. PUR-2022-00134. The Company’s bill projections are not final and all customer rates are subject to regulatory approval.

Further, the Company also presents its 2022 RPS Program Compliance Report in the Petition, certifying compliance with the RPS Program for compliance year 2022.

CE-4 Projects

Dominion seeks CPCNs and approval to construct or acquire and operate four utility scale projects totaling approximately 329 MW of solar. In addition to these four projects, Dominion intends to acquire and operate one additional CE-4 Project, a five MW solar facility (“Pepperoni”); however, the Company asserts that, consistent with the Commission’s prior determination that projects of the MW or less do not require a CPCN, and Rule 13 of the Commission’s Filing Regulations in Support of Applications for Authority to Construct and Operate an Electric Generating Facility, Pepperoni does not require a CPCN.

The name, size, facility, interconnection and projected commercial operation date (“COD”) for each of the CE-4 Projects is provided below:

Project	Size (MW/AC)	Locality	Interconnection	COD
Utility-Scale Solar				
DeWitt	57	Powhatan County	Transmission	2029
Blue Ridge	65	Polk/Veneta County	Transmission	2025
Bookers Hill	127	Richmond County	Transmission	2024
Michael	98	Henry/Stafford/Veneta County	Transmission	2025
Pepperoni	5	Henrico County	Distribution	2024

The Company asserts that the CE-4 Projects are needed to comply with the VCEA and to meet customers’ capacity and energy needs. According to the Company, the total estimated costs for the CE-4 Projects are approximately \$525.5 million, excluding financing costs, or approximately \$2,562 per kilowatt (“kW”) at the total 334 MW (nominal AC) rating.

Rider CE

In this proceeding, Dominion makes four requests related to Rider CE. First, the Company seeks to update Rider CE for the recovery of costs associated with the CE-1, CE-2, and CE-3 projects, the CE-2 and CE-3 distributed solar projects, and related interconnection facilities, which have previously been approved by the Commission.

Second, Dominion requests recovery through Rider CE of the costs of the CE-4 Projects and CE-4 Distributed Solar Project, as well as the related interconnection facilities. The CE-4 Projects are discussed in more detail below. The CE-4 Distributed Solar Project consists of one distributed solar project totaling approximately 3 MW and related interconnection facilities.

The Company asserts that the CE-4 Distributed Solar Project is needed to comply with the VCEA and to serve customers’ capacity and energy needs. According to the Company, the total estimated costs for the CE-4 Distributed Solar Project are approximately \$10.9 million, excluding financing costs, or approximately \$3,642 per kW at the total 3 MW (nominal AC) rating.

Third, the Company seeks to consolidate Rider CE and Rider PPA. Rider PPA was approved by the Commission pursuant to Code § 56-585.1 A-5 for the recovery of costs associated with the CE-1, CE-2, and CE-3 PPAs. The Company asserts that the consolidation of Rider CE and Rider PPA is in the interest of judicial economy because the Commission already considers the prudence of PPAs in the annual RPS Filing proceedings, and the consolidation would allow the Commission to consider associated cost recovery issues simultaneously. Such a consolidation would result in the recovery of costs associated with the previously approved CE-1, CE-2, and CE-3 PPAs through Rider CE. Consolidation would also result in the end of Rider PPA as of April 30, 2024.

Fourth, the Company seeks to recover the costs of the CE-4 PPAs through Rider CE.

Dominion asks the Commission to approve revised Rider CE for the rate year beginning May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025 (“Rate Year”). The Company is requesting a total revenue requirement of \$136,764,666 in Rider CE for the Rate Year. If the proposed total revenue requirement for the Rate Year is approved, the impact on customer bills would depend on the customer’s rate schedule and usage. According to Dominion, implementation of its revised Rider CE on May 1, 2024, would increase the monthly bill of a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month by approximately \$124 when compared to the combined total residential rates in the current Rider CE and Rider PPA.

CE-4 PPAs

In its 2023 RPS Filing, Dominion also seeks a prudence determination for the CE-4 PPAs. The CE-4 PPAs consist of: (i) eight PPAs for utility-scale solar generating facilities totaling approximately 420 MW and (ii) five PPAs for distributed solar generating facilities totaling approximately 15 MW.

Dominion asserts that the CE-4 PPAs are needed to comply with the VCEA and to meet customers’ capacity and energy needs. As noted above, the Company seeks approval to recover the costs of the CE-4 PPAs through Rider CE, in addition to the costs of the CE-1, CE-2 and CE-3 PPAs previously approved by the Commission.

Interested persons are encouraged to review Dominion’s Petition and supporting documents in full for details about these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may appoint reviewers among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company’s Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on Dominion’s Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company’s Petition shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m. on January 18, 2024. On or before January 3, 2024, any person wishing to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filing out a form on the Commission’s



VIRGINIA MERCURY

COMMENTARY

Are Virginia ratepayers and residents subsidizing the data center industry?



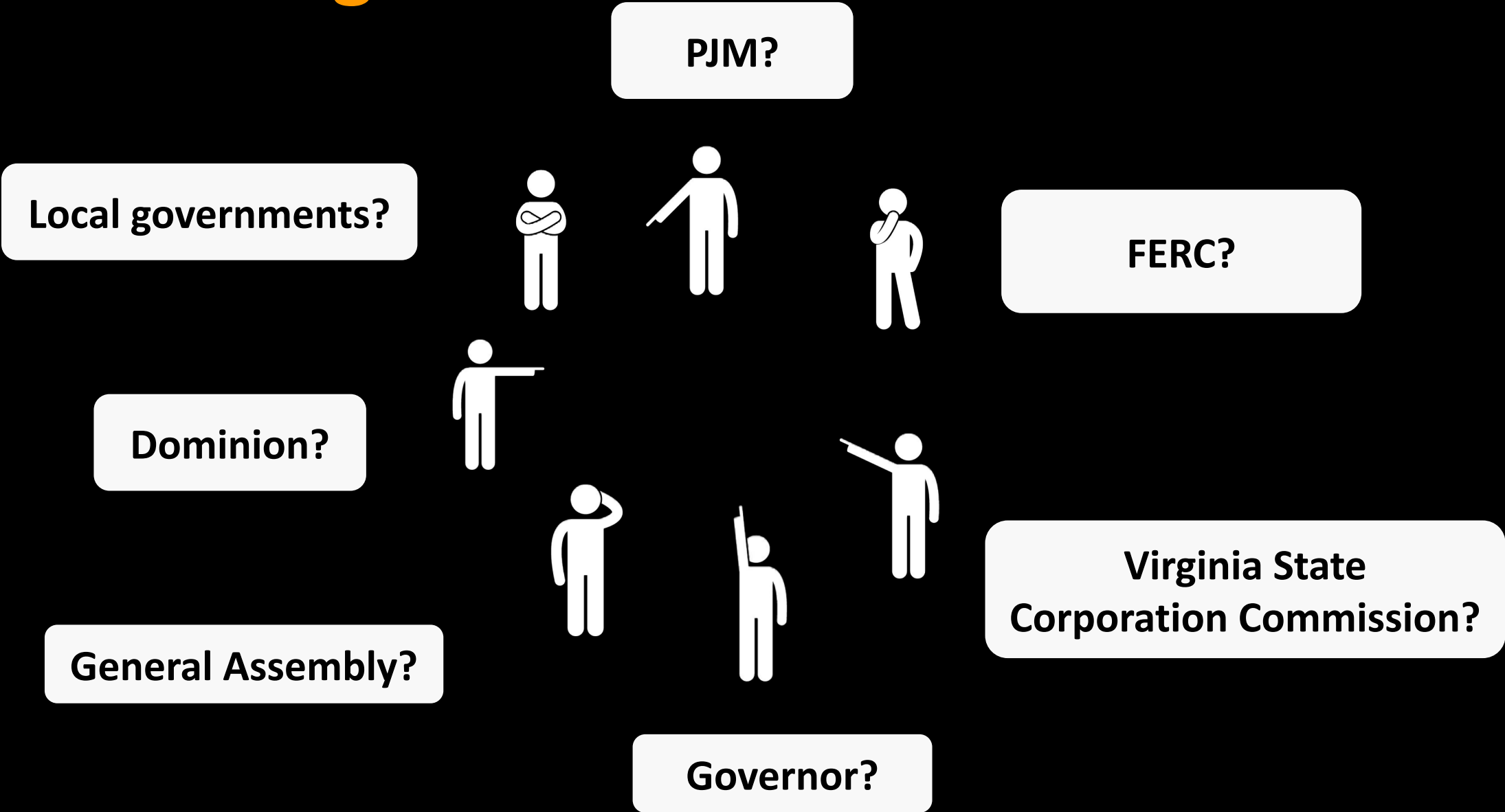
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Continuing down this path will make it
very **difficult to achieve** Virginia's
clean energy goals.

Who is **in charge**?



Fauquier County in the Crosshairs – Warrenton and Beyond

November 13, 2023
Town Hall

Patricia Ewing



CITIZENS FOR
FAUQUIER COUNTY

PROTECTING FAUQUIER'S FUTURE™

Citizens for Fauquier County (CFFC)

Who We Are

Oldest non-profit conservation organization in Fauquier County;
Since 1968, entirely focused on Fauquier County and
preserving our rural way of life.

Our Mission

Preserve the natural, historic and agricultural resources of
Fauquier County, and protect the County's unique quality of life
through public engagement, advocacy, education and leadership.

- ✓ 700+ members and supporters
- ✓ 20-person volunteer board
- ✓ Recent efforts include data centers, utility-scale solar, Town of Warrenton Comprehensive Plan, litigation.
- ✓ Work hand-in-hand with conservation partners: Piedmont Environmental Council, Protect Catlett, Protect Fauquier



Fauquier County Data Center Threat

Vint Hill

- Zoned for Data Centers; 1 operating; expansions and additional centers are in process

Catlett

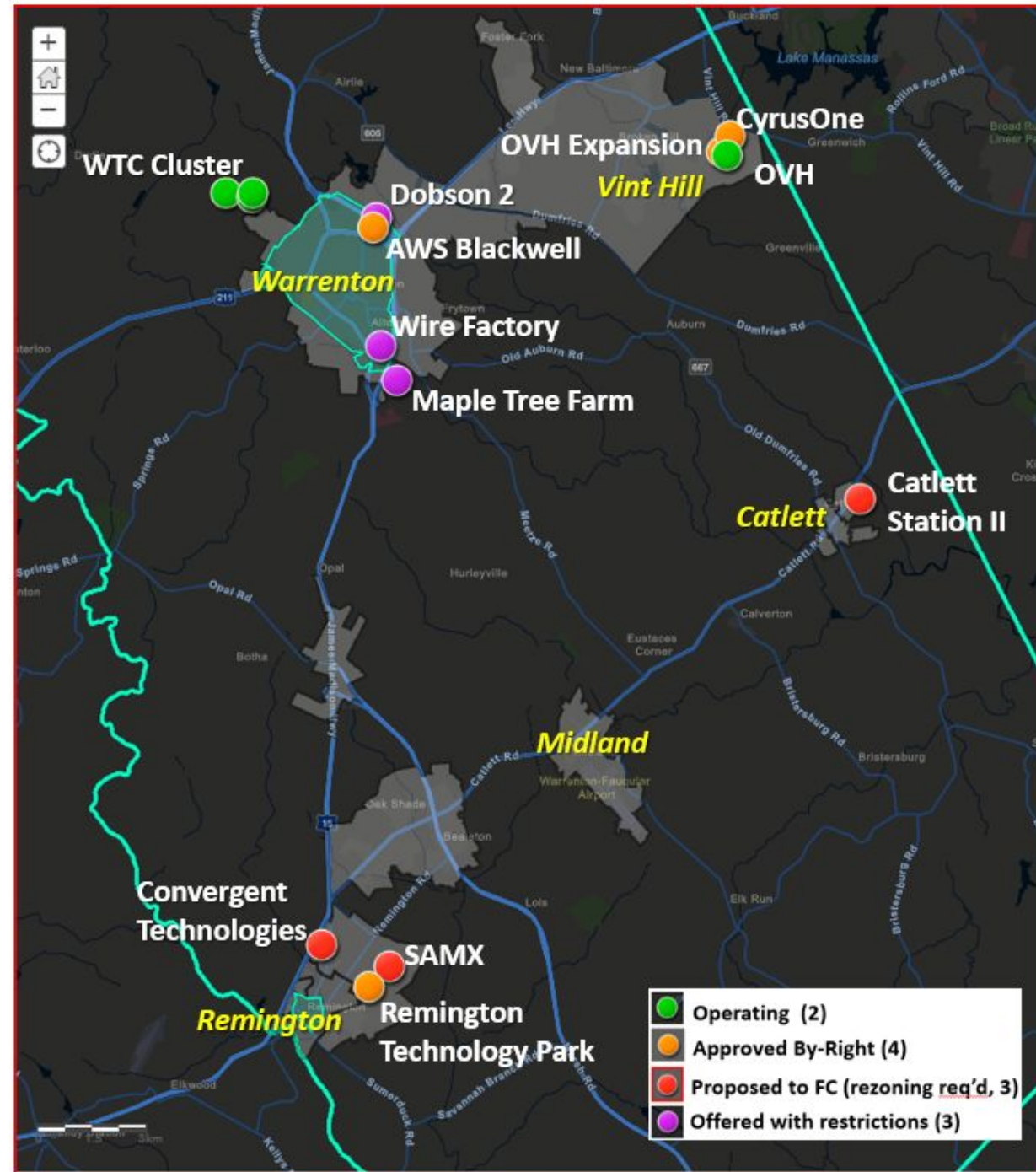
- *Not zoned* for data centers
- Rural, Historic, surrounded by farms, many in conservation easement

Remington

- 1 data center approved in Business Park under current zoning
- 2 data centers proposed that are NOT permitted under current zoning

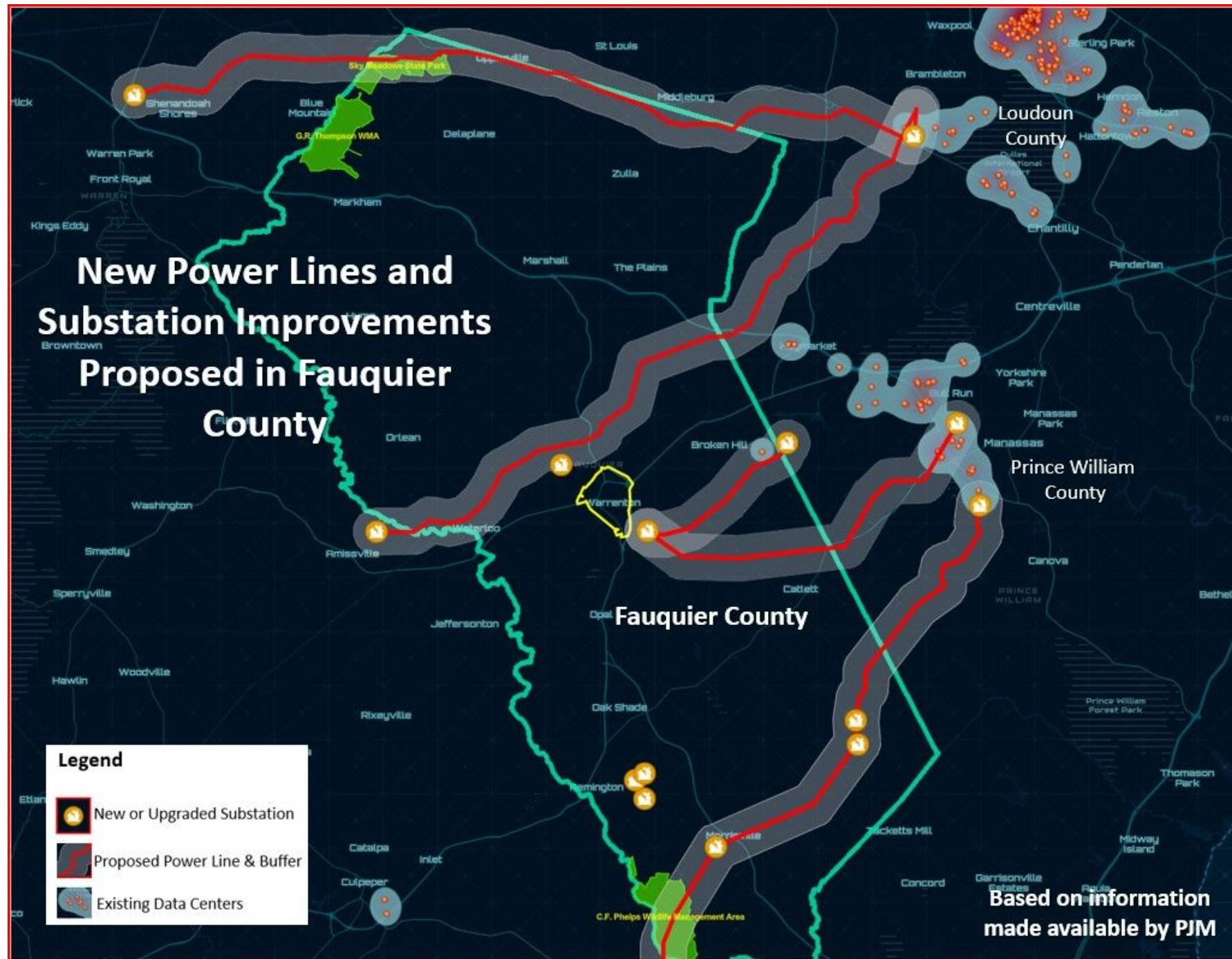
Warrenton

- 3 building cluster operating at Warrenton Training Center
- Amazon/Blackwell data center in litigation
- 3 properties marketed for sale as data centers (one outside town limits)



Data Centers and Power Lines are Inextricably Linked!

- Data Centers are gluttons for electricity/ Amazon data center in Warrenton will use as much power as all homes in Fauquier County/year
- The cost of new power lines/stations will be passed on to residential customers
- New power need driven by Data Center Demand in Loudoun and PWC
- Upgrading substations will invite more data centers in Fauquier



CFFC's Position on Data Centers

CFFC is working everyday alongside our conservation partners to stop the spread of data centers in Fauquier County

Limit Data Centers to Locations Currently Zoned for Data Centers

CFFC opposes data centers that are not permitted under current zoning, such as the proposed data center for Catlett on property that is not zoned for data centers (there is *no* land in Catlett that is zoned for data centers).

Current County Zoning

- Limits data centers to Service Districts and then further limits them to “business parks” and “Planned Industrial Development Districts” or “PCIDs”; currently just one PCID exists (in Vint Hill)
- Data centers must be served by underground power lines
- Data centers must use recycled water

Revenues/We don't need additional data centers beyond built/approved centers

- Fauquier County has 4 operating data centers that generate about \$6 million/year in revenue for the County
- Additional sites that can be built under current zoning are estimated to add an additional \$66.8 - \$104 Million/year in County revenues

CFFC's Ongoing Work on Data Centers

- Reviewing all data center applications
- Closely monitoring all proposed data centers under review by the Town and County
- Working with our conservation partners to draft and propose Data Center Standards for our County (there aren't any standards right now)
- Educating the public about data centers and the proposed transmission lines
- Meeting with public officials
- Continued Opposition to Amazon's Warrenton data center

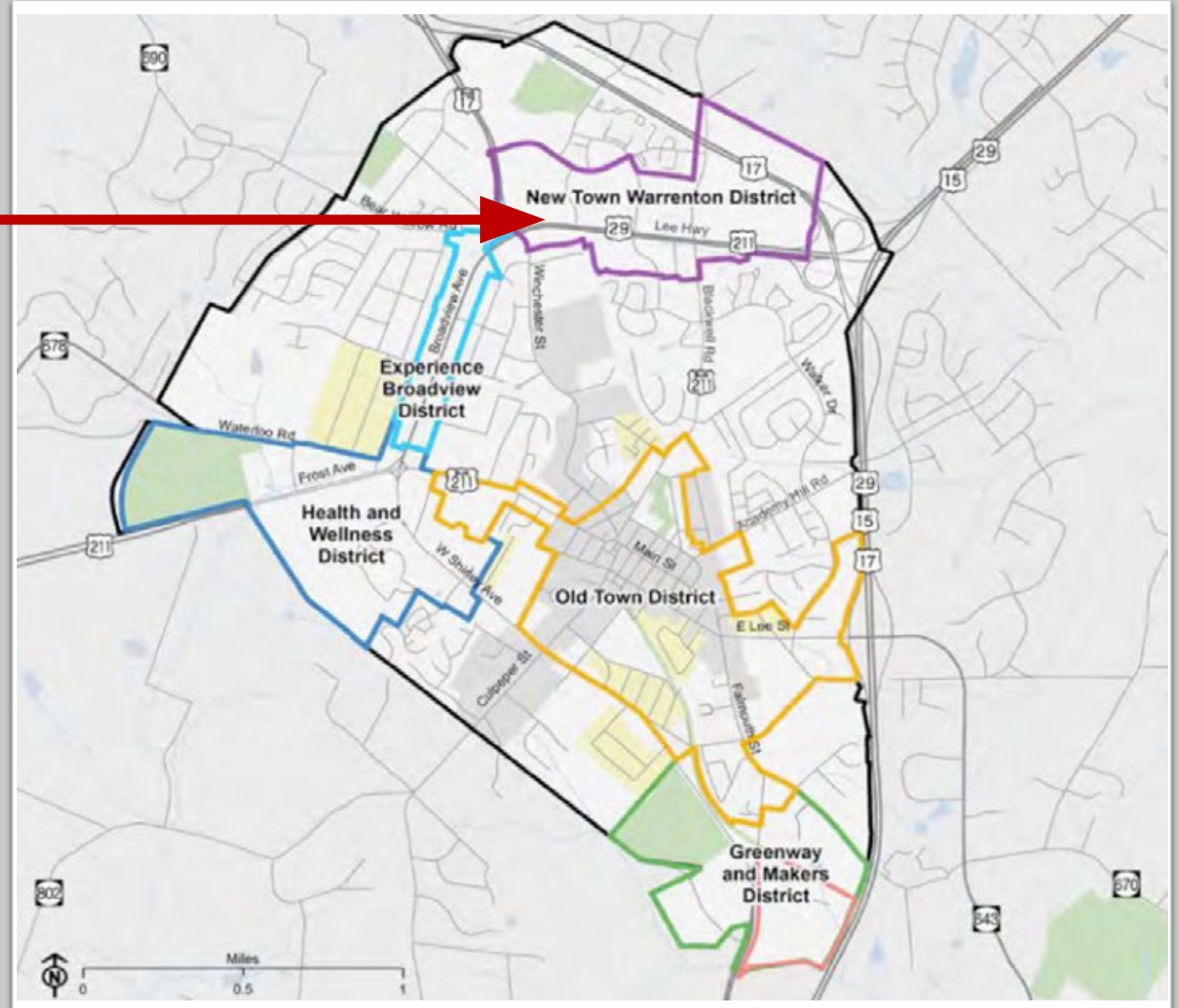


Revisiting Amazon's Data Center in Warrenton ...

Wrong Use, Wrong Place, Wrong Way

The town disregarded its comprehensive plan, and the overwhelming opposition of residents when the town approved Amazon's initial permit application.

- CFFC has spent thousands of hours along with our conservation partners to oppose Amazon's proposal
- The town and Amazon worked behind the scenes to amend the town's zoning code to allow data centers in Warrenton
- Town officials and Amazon continue to keep information from the public ... half of the site development plan was redacted.
- Amazon got a pass on such critical requirements as the noise study.



CFFC in Court Against the Town of Warrenton and Amazon

To Overturn the Special Use Permit

About

CFFC (and ten residents of Warrenton living near the proposed Amazon DC) sued the town to reverse the illegal zoning amendment and stop the Blackwell Road data center.

Summary

CFFC is contesting the validity of the zoning amendment and the town's subsequent approval of Amazon's application for a permit for the data center

Next Steps

December 13 hearing is a critical hearing that could determine whether our case will move forward

To Appeal the VFOIA Decision

About

CFFC is litigating the town's refusal to provide CFCC with information about the data center and zoning amendment as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. This case is critical to maintaining public access to local and state government information

Summary

- The Town has withheld over 3000 emails about the zoning amendment and the data center
- This case is supported by 24 organizations including the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the Virginia Coalition for Open Government
- This case is on appeal

What Our Coalition is Doing and How You Can Help

Cindy Burbank
, Protect Fauquier



PROTECT FAUQUIER

- Grassroots
- 1500 members
- Formed in 2022 to oppose transmission lines and Amazon data center
- 501(c) (4) – not tax exempt, but we support candidates!
- Leadership: Mike Fultz, Denise Schefer, PJ Leary, Cindy Burbank
- Key Activities: Early & strong resistance to power lines. Stop Amazon petition. FOIAs. Active in local elections. Canvassing events & neighborhoods. Speaking (and singing!) at Town Council. Building relationship with Board of Supervisors and state officials.



PROTECT CATLETT

- Catlett – eastern Fauquier, pop 297
- Founded in 2023 to oppose large new data center on Route 28 in Catlett
- Supporting county-wide efforts to limit data centers & transmission lines
- Has held 3 Town Halls
- Town Halls were well-attended -- around 70 people at each
- President: Chris Colvin Website: <https://protectcatlett.org/>



What our Coalition is doing

- 1. We work in partnership, meet weekly -- PEC, Protect Fauquier, Protect Catlett, CFFC,**
- 2. We have built a solid relationship with our Fauquier BOS**
- 3. We are committed to an "All Fauquier" effort**



4. CFFC is spearheading 2 lawsuits – on FOIA and to stop the Amazon SUP

5. PEC has created a statewide VA Data Center Reform Coalition

6. PF spearheaded “Stop Amazon” petition, endorsed & supported candidates who share our views

7. PC has activated residents in Catlett



8. We are enlisting support from our delegation to Richmond – and taking our message to the Governor

9. We are partnering with citizens in Prince William and Loudoun County



10. We are fighting for transparency and citizen-responsive government

Stop secret meetings
Honor FOIA
Limit NDAs
Respect citizens
Prevent conflicts of interest



How Can You Help?

- ✓ Join us – PEC, Protect Fauquier, CFFC and Protect Catlett
- ✓ Get on our email lists, for updates
- ✓ Make a financial contribution – esp CFFC litigation fund



How Can You Help?

- ✓ Talk to your friends and neighbors
- ✓ Speak up! Write key officials
- ✓ Ask to meet with key officials
- ✓ Join our bus trips to Richmond in the spring



OUR LAND, THEIR LINES, YOUR CHOICE



Q&A

Thank You!