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Dear Senator Mims, Senator Potts, and Delegate May:

Thank you for your many comments and suggestions regarding the proposed 230-kilovolt transmission line Dominion is planning to build to serve the rapid growth area in western Loudoun County.

In May, Dominion began meeting with local officials, a community working group and local media in an effort to receive input from the localities on how best to construct this transmission line to serve the Purcellville load area.

After much input, Dominion has decided not to pursue the use of its existing right-of-way along the trail through downtown Leesburg and west of Leesburg.

The need for a new transmission line corridor into the Purcellville area is still critical. Without it, western Loudoun County will be increasingly vulnerable to potential power outages.

Dominion has hired a consultant, Burns & McDonnell, to help develop alternative overhead routes along the north and south sides of the Route 7 corridor and in the area south of Leesburg. Alternatives developed for the Route 7 corridor could involve a two-mile portion of the trail between Cochran Mill Road to the bypass. Should we propose to parallel this section of the trail, we will make every effort to use the northern portion of the easement, which is adjacent to industrial/commercial property, and to preserve as many trees as possible on the south side of the trail as a buffer for residential property. This would leave the remaining 9 miles of the trail undisturbed.



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Dominion plans to file an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission outlining the overhead routing alternatives no later than first quarter 2005. The Virginia State Corporation Commission must make a determination that Dominion's alternatives are in the public interest.

As we move through the process, we will continue to work with you and with local officials. We also will keep the public informed and up to date on the proposed plans as they evolve.

Again, thank you for your input on this matter.

Sincerely,

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