

March 6, 2007

Dear Friend of the W&OD Trail,

**Save the Trail needs help to raise the \$25,000 needed to continue our legal battle to protect the last 11 miles of the W&OD Trail!**

The January 2007 ruling of the hearing examiner for this case *has not* finalized where the power lines will be placed! Rather, the three (3) State Corporation Commissioners (who will make the ultimate decision), have remanded this case back to the legal respondents requesting further evidence in a hearing to begin on July 31, 2007 (Save the Trail, Inc is one of the many respondents in this case).

**Save the Trail, Inc. has exhausted our funds, and cannot proceed further without your help. One Hundred percent (100%) of your donation will go to our attorney to maintain the fight, and 100 % is tax deductible.**

What happened to cause the continuation of this case and why could it be good news for the Trail? The SCC has asked for specific testimony and exhibits from the respondents in this case concerning the following 7 matters (directly quoted from the SCC February 21, 2007 Order Remanding for Further Proceedings):

1. Construction time required for routes E7, D3 and Modified D;
2. Right-of-way acquisition costs for route E7, D3 and Modified D;
3. Detailed engineering data for the portion of the Modified D route comprising segments within or adjacent to the W&OD Trail – including pole placements and existing and/or new right-of-way;
4. Any benefits of individual segments of the E7 and D3 routes in relation to reasonably expected future transmission requirements;
5. For purposes of underground construction, utilization of cross-linked polyethelene ('XLPE ') power lines as opposed to high pressure fluid-filled ('HPFF') powerlines;
6. Underground construction of the portion of the E7 and D3 routes comprising segments along or adjacent to 49, 25, 23, and 22 - including historic right-of-way, cost, reliability, and impact on scenic assets, historic districts and environment; and
7. Underground construction of the portion of the Modified D route comprising segments along or adjacent to the W&OD Trail – including right-of-way, cost, reliability, and impact in scenic assets, historic districts and environment.

Please make a generous financial contribution today. Donate online at [www.savethetrail.com](http://www.savethetrail.com) using our secure Paypal online payment system, or please mail your check to: Save the Trail, Inc., PO Box 13, Hamilton, VA 20159. **We are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, preservation group and your contributions are fully tax deductible.**

Thank you,

The Board of Directors of Save the Trail, Inc.