

My name is Tadd Wilson. I live at xxx in Haymarket, Virginia. And I'll try not to be repetitive, try to be incremental.

I love Virginia. I just want to add this. I'm a Virginia educated MBA and my wife's a Virginia attorney. All four of our kids were born here. We love the state and we're glad that you guys are giving us a chance to stick up for Virginia as opposed to some other entities not helping out.

So, anyway, you've heard a lot about why people love this area. I'm going to talk about numbers instead. I'm going to want three numbers to stick out.

**One is 12 percent.** This is, according to a published econometric study, the expected loss in home value that a property of substantially high value would lose when it's adjacent to or near to a high voltage transmission line. This citation is from 2013 and it's from the Appraisal Journal. That's huge. For a median home in Haymarket, that is \$60,000. As some of the other speakers have attested to, it may actually be more.

If you look at the literature search, there's a range that ranges from about three percent all the way up to 36 percent. Each individual appraisal is going to differ. But that is substantial. For most people, their home is their number one financial asset, and losing that, taking that hit on the balance sheet is very, very hard to make up.

**The next number, speaking of number one, is one.** And that is the number of customers that this line will serve. And this is not a fact that is being contested. If you look in the applicant's application, 79, 80 times they mention the customer in the singular.

Now we've got a pretty good indication that it's Amazon. The paper trail, the electronic trail the data has left, the recruiting records, all of these things are out there for the public. And lots of us enjoy Amazon services. And as a technology professional, I value what they're doing in the Federal space and in the defense space. But we don't want Jeff Bezos' personal extension cord hanging over our heads, literally. It's just not worth it.

**The last number is 94 percent.** Ninety-four percent is the increase in campaign contributions from the applicant, Dominion Virginia Power, to eight delegates that serve on the special subcommittee on energy, of the House committee on commerce and labor. In the period prior to voting last February on renewal of a pilot program that would allow transmission lines to be buried.

So what I'm highlighting is, there was a change in policy. These delegates, Terry Kilgore, Arlene Ware, Cathy Byron, Minola Fazzi, Daniel Marshall, and I'm going to draw the distinction from Bob Marshall who's been quite helpful, Greg Habib, Ron

Villeneuve, and Benjamin Cline voted unanimously in 2008 and again in 2011 to support the program to bury transmission lines. Both of those bills passed the House of Delegates, of both chambers, without a single no vote.

In 2015, after this 94 percent increase in contributions, it didn't even make it to the full committee.

Clearly, Dominion is not the only party selling power. You, the Commission, have power, too. You have the power to do what's right. And that's to stop a single private beneficiary from using the monopolistic power and, frankly, political pull of another large corporation to secure a private benefit at the expense of residents' private property values and, frankly, the quality of life.

In short, make Dominion bury the line and make Amazon pay.

JUDGE RICHARDSON: Anything else?

MR. WILSON: That's enough for now.