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The Honorable Mark C. Christie
The Honorable Judith Williams Jagdmann
The Honorable James C. Dimitri
State Corporation Commission
Tyler Building
1300 E. Main St.
Richmond, Virginia 23219

We categorically reject the SCC examiner's uncritical acceptance of Dominion Power's recommendation that the SCC approve the Carver Road alternative for the Haymarket 230kV Transmission Line. Again, we urge you to approve the hybrid I-66 route, and require Amazon to "put some skin in the game" as your SCC Staff stated in their testimony.

The examiner's recommendation ignores the input, public testimony and concerns from literally thousands of local citizens and elected officials regarding the many negative impacts on the community adversely impacted by this unnecessary transmission line to serve a misplaced industrial data center facility nearly six miles away from an Industrial-zoned area where infrastructure already exists to handle large data center facilities.

These malefactors of great wealth proceed as if they have a right to expect that a different set of rules will apply to themselves over that which applies to average citizens. Further, these disrupters want SCC approval for special treatment which will bring harm to average citizens.

A SCC decision in support of the hearing examiner's flawed conclusions requiring the construction of 110 foot electric transmission lines into areas never formally designated for such development will set a destructive precedent across all of Virginia. Why should localities have Industrial zoning at all? Such a decision will destroy the accumulated wealth of thousands of western Prince William residents and small businesses without one dime of compensation being made to those so damaged.

Amazon wants no accountability to the public, and Dominion wants the public, not Amazon's stock holders, to pay for Amazon's business decisions. This scheme lacks fundamental justice.

The Carver Road Route will slice through and destroy the view-shed of at least 6 neighborhoods in and around the Town of Haymarket including small businesses, the Villages of Piedmont, Somerset Crossing, Somerhill, Hopewell's Landing, Haymarket

Overlook and Kennard Ridge and two elementary schools, Haymarket Elementary and Buckland Mills Elementary, with a combined population of almost 2,000 students.

We conclude that SCC's hearing examiner is purposely blind to the fact that Dominion's own staff described this project as a line extension for a single customer - Amazon.com, and SCC staff recommended that the cost of this extension cord for Amazon be paid by Amazon, not Dominion's other local ratepayers.

If this was an individual wanting a line extended to serve their home, Dominion would require the homeowner to pay the cost of the extension. How informed could the SCC hearing officer's conclusion be when neither he, nor Dominion's expert witness, nor legal counsel could identify the Haymarket location for the Amazon data center on a map?

We strongly urge you to reject the conclusions of the hearing officer. We represent residents from a broad and diverse social and economic background in western Prince William County. More than a thousand residents attended a town hall meeting at Battlefield High School on this proposal. We remain in solidarity with them.

If the hearing examiner's recommendation is accepted by the SCC, Virginia will enforce one set of laws against the common citizen but will contrive a different set of rules to comply with the demands of wealthy corporate executives at Amazon and Dominion Power.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,



Delegate Bob Marshall



Senator Richard Black



Senator Richard Stuart



Delegate John Bell