

Dominion files application for overhead transmission line

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RICHMOND—Dominion Power on February 29 submitted an application to the Virginia State Corporation Commission proposing a 115kV designed overhead tower system to replace line #65 crossing the Rappahannock River.

According to Dominion transmission communications manager Greg Mathe, the utility also will submit a plan for a 230kV designed overhead option and an underground option for SCC consideration.

“It typically takes about three weeks or so from the time of filing for the Commission to issue an order setting out the procedural schedule which includes the public comment period, any public hearing dates and locations, when interested parties can formally join the case, when SCC staff and company testimony is due and when the evidentiary hearing will be held,” said Mathe.

“The entire process takes on average 12 to 24 months for a decision to be rendered by the Commission,” he said.

However, Dominion is requesting a decision by November 2016 due to “the important and time-sensitive nature of this project,” Mathe added.