

No towers

We are “come heres.” In 2006, my family had a home built overlooking the beautiful Rappahannock River near the Norris Bridge and 100% of the money we spent was local.

To name just a few, we have done business with Northern Neck Construction, Lamberth Building Supplies, Car Wash Café, Willaby’s Restaurant, Ace Hardware, and Tri Star—all terrific area businesses, so please acknowledge them.

We love our second home in White Stone. The farmers markets are wonderful.

As a side issue, our property taxes have gone from \$400 per year for raw land to over \$5,000 annually. Do the math for the past 10 years of taxes paid.

If the proposed Dominion Towers were destroying the beautiful Rappahannock view back in 2006, our home would not be in the Northern Neck. All businesses that depend on construction, boating, tourism, restaurants, real estate and retail sales could suffer unless Dominion buries the backup power line under the Rappahannock as they have beneath the York and Elizabeth rivers.

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Underground power line installation is not practical

We need the Dominion power lines supported on deep foundations holding towers.

I found the April 21 Record rather interesting to have its lead article discuss how the aged Norris Bridge is failing followed by how our county board of supervisors (5-0) wants to stop Dominion Power from erecting a tower system that removes their existing power lines from the Norris Bridge.

The soil below the Rappahannock River at the Norris Bridge compresses easily. When I performed soil tests for the Dominion Power line in January 2015, my probes sank into this mud 25 feet from their 300 pound weight alone. Placing the utility lines underground would require a trench at least 25 feet deep so that they

do not settle excessively. In addition to damaging the environment, constructing a trench to these depths will have huge costs. The only practical and economical engineering solution would support the power lines on a deep piled foundation system holding towers.

Notably, Dominion Power does not have to replace the existing towers. But they want to provide a more reliable electrical service to our area, and we need them to do so. Obviously, our board of supervisor members are simply misinformed and misguided. They should push for us to get a new bridge and encourage Dominion Power to remove their power lines from the old Norris Bridge supporting them on cost-effective deep foundations with towers.

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