

## YOUR LETTERS

### Stewardship questioned

The Norris Bridge is the gateway to the Northern Neck. Why have these intrusive obstructions here?

The Rappahannock River is the boldest and most beautiful of Virginia's streams. Much of the history of our country began right here. The cradle of the republic is in view as you cross the bridge.

In 1612, John Smith is quoted, "Heaven and earth never agreed better to frame a place for man's habitation." Perhaps this remark was prior to his being stung by a stingray at the entrance to the Rappahannock River.

These 120- to 180-foot towers with power lines devalue the real estate they serve.

Can we install ten steel towers and two miles of cable and not

affect water quality?

It is disappointing that Dominion Power would consider this tower project. I always believed this power company was a good steward for the state of Virginia. Not now.

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### Responsibility to the future

Don't we have a responsibility to cherish, respect and preserve our heritage to the best of our ability?

How can we sit back and let Dominion raise towers that will not only denature the architecture of the Rappahannock bridge but disfigure the landscape it crosses?

Is corporate interest going to override the best interests and the will of the people? What next?

If those towers go up, they will be a testimony to that apathy for many years to come. I hope I will never have to cross "that" bridge.

**Anne-Shelton Aaron,  
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### A better way

Are you kidding me? I can't believe that the SCC approved the cost of building a new transmission line across the Rappahannock instead of laying a new cable under the river.

The article in the Rappahannock Record indicated that there would be 10 towers taller than 100 feet. Won't that be attractive?

I'm sure the cost of the entire underwater cable would not meet the expense of just one of these towers. I used to work for a regulated communications firm and we had to prove to the SCC every time we were going to replace or update our systems. We had to consider all the options.

The SCC did not want to overburden the rate payers for an upgrade or replacement that was not necessary or that had a better solution. Doesn't Dominion have the same responsibility?

If they're worried about the cost of repairing an underwa-

ter cable, they should copy A&N Electric's method of operation by placing extra conducting lines in the run that can be switched when service is interrupted.

Then the maintenance and repair of the line can be conducted in a timely and cost-effective manner.

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