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Population growth in Northern Virginia has been tremendous and shows no signs of slowing down. In fact, over the next decade, growth in demand for electricity in Virginia will be the equivalent of adding one million new houses. Demand for electricity has grown so much that, by as soon as 2011, Dominion's ability to provide Northern Virginia customers with reliable, affordable power will be at risk.

To ensure that we can continue to meet the needs of our customers, Dominion has applied to build a new electric transmission line. This line will bring power to the region and improve the overall reliability of the system. And after exploring every alternative, we're certain that a new transmission line is the very best way to serve the population of Northern Virginia. Dominion's proposed route for this line is within or adjacent to an existing transmission line right of way. The proposed route minimizes the impact of the new line on Northern Virginia's communities, historical and cultural sites, and scenic vistas.

It purposely bypasses these sites and avoids all pre-existing conservation easements. Without it, the prospect of blackouts—like those in Ohio, Michigan and New York just a few years ago—is very real.

And conservation, while necessary, will not be enough to meet this challenge. So while Dominion encourages everyone to use electricity wisely, we can't pretend conservation alone will solve the problem. An independent study by KEMA, a well respected international engineering firm, states that Northern Virginians would need to reduce their electricity use by 40 percent in the next four years to avert the need for the line. And that just doesn't seem realistic.

Building this transmission line will prevent blackouts, provide important support for ongoing economic growth throughout the region and ensure the reliable delivery of electric power every day—Dominion's promise to Virginia.



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