

RESOLUTION NO. 2716

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2014, Dominion Virginia Power (hereafter “DVP”) met with City Council and presented its proposal to improve the reliability and capacity of its electrical system by connecting it with the PEPCO system at the Potomac River Generating Station (hereafter “PRGS”) site; and

WHEREAS, DVP already has approval from Pennsylvania New Jersey Maryland (hereafter “PJM”), the multi-state electrical grid manager, for this \$165 million project and wants to submit the proposal near the third quarter of 2016 to the Virginia State Corporation Commission (hereafter “SCC”) for their subsequent approval; and

WHEREAS, the DVP proposal would involve the construction of an underground 230kV line from the Dominion substation on South Glebe Road in Arlington to an expanded PEPCO substation to be constructed on the west side parking lot of the current PRGS site, where a PEPCO substation is currently located; and

WHEREAS, DVP claims that in order to improve overall electrical grid reliability and capacity it would need to connect these two substations with an underground 230kV transmission line along a route that has yet to be determined (similar to the existing transmission line along the Route 1 corridor).

WHEREAS, the City Council in response to the initial proposal presented by Dominion in June 2014, established an Ad Hoc Underground Transmission Line and Substation Working Group (UTLWG). The UTLWG met numerous times in 2014 and finalized a Working Group Recommendations Memo on December 30, 2014 which was shared with City Council on January 22, 2015 in advance of a to-be-determined future Council meeting and public hearing. Subsequently, Dominion postponed the project prior to finalizing an alternative and filing with the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Dominion recently notified City staff of their decision to resume the project with a new schedule and filing set for summer of 2016.

WHEREAS, the role of the UTLWG is expected to change as the project moves towards the Virginia State Corporation Commission managed process which must consider issuance of a certificate of public convenience and the necessity for approval to construct and operate the proposed 230 kV transmission line. Although the City does not have authority to determine major electrical utility routing as State Code grants this authority to the SCC pursuant to an official legal process that is not controlled by the City; the City will continue to maintain an active role and closely review the Dominion filing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that:

- 1) The Ad Hoc Underground Transmission Line Working Group is hereby reconstituted; and
- 2) The UTLWG is comprised of ten (10) members, each that have been appointed by the City Manager, who is hereby authorized to make such appointments, as follows:
 - a. A representative from the North Old Town Independent Citizen Civic Association;
 - b. A representative from the Del Ray Citizens Association;
 - c. A representative from the North East Citizens Association;
 - d. A representative from the Arlandria Civic Association;
 - e. A representative from the Lynhaven Civic Association;
 - f. A representative from the Potomac Yard Homeowners Association;
 - g. A representative from the Environmental Policy Commission;

- h. A representative from the City of Alexandria Parks and Recreation Commission;
 - i. A representative from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce;
 - j. A City of Alexandria representative from the Four Mile Run Joint Task Force;
- 3) This ULTWG shall be staffed by T&ES with other City staff resources to be brought in as needed;
 - 4) The ULTWG charter would expire at the completion of the SCC approval process;
 - 5) This Resolution shall become effective as of the date and time of its adoption; and
 - 6) That the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the foregoing.

Adopted: March 29, 2016


ALLISON SILBERBERG MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk