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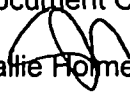
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MEMORANDUM

February 11, 2011

TO: Document Control Center
FROM:  Sallie Holmes, Energy Regulation
RE: PUE-2010-00115 - PATH Allegheny Virginia Transmission Corporation

Attached is one case comment submitted to the Commission for consideration. Please enter in the case jacket for Case No. PUE-2010-00115. Thank you.

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Comments: My name is Mark Tate and I am a former member of the Middleburg Town Council and former Vice Mayor of the Town of Middleburg. I am writing to you today as a resident and citizen of Northern Virginia that is concerned about reliable energy and positive economic growth for the Commonwealth. I am also a former Chair of a non-profit organization Virginians for Sensible Energy Policy that searched for ways to bring sensible energy solutions to the Commonwealth that provided reliable energy and at the same time respected that beautiful countryside and resident's property rights. I appreciate the opportunity for public comment on cases before the State Corporation Commission, and though I was unable to speak at the hearing in Purcellville on February 3, I now wish to express my support for the PATH application. We have recognized the need for reliable energy to ensure future economic growth for our region and to help strengthen our national security. While I am in favor of finding renewable energy sources to power the Commonwealth these are issues that need to be provided for now, not in the distant future. I think it is very important that we approach the future growth of our neighborhoods and communities as part of the larger region in which we live. We certainly have all witnessed the explosion of growth that has taken place across Northern Virginia over the past two decades. New businesses, new houses, new people are all part of the fabric that is now metropolitan Washington, D.C. And all of these businesses, houses and people use electricity every day. We have come to rely on it and expect it to come at a reasonable cost. Virginia has been extremely fortunate in that we have long been recognized for having affordable electricity rates and for being one of the best places in the nation to do business. We can not assume this will remain the case unless we are willing to protect our pro business environment and a sound system of producing and delivering electricity that has resulted in reasonable rates. This project that you are considering, which totals approximately 275 line miles, only impacts a small section of Virginia. The majority of the line will be in neighboring West Virginia with about 30 miles in Virginia and 20 miles in Maryland. Certainly, we can support roughly one-tenth of a project that would be so vital to our region. I am also encouraged that the route currently follows the existing Right of Way. I hope this will continue and there is the least amount of impact on existing homes along the route. We must cooperate on a regional basis if we are going to make good decisions that impact all of our communities. I believe what's good for the region is good for Virginia. We are going to continue to grow whether we like it or not. What's important is that we manage that growth by thinking ahead and preparing to have the needed infrastructure and services the community and region will demand. I support this project and I hope you will do the same.