

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: September 23, 2008

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Needham S. Cheely, III, Director of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Right-of-Way Agreement - Dominion Virginia Power – Freedom Park

Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) has requested a right-of-way and utility easement (Easement) across a portion of James City County Freedom Park (Park) in order to improve electrical service to customers in the Jolly Pond Road area. Dominion has conducted a reliability study of the Jolly Pond Road area of its power system and determined that the reliability of its service to those citizens could be significantly improved by connecting the two radial ends of the existing power lines serving that area, thereby creating a looped power system. The requested Easement is 30 feet in width directly adjacent to the Jolly Pond Road right-of-way extending roughly from the James City County transfer station/landfill property to the site of the new combined schools. The line will be an overhead line and connect two existing overhead line segments.

The Board considered Dominion's request at the July 22, 2008, Board meeting. Following a public hearing, the Board deferred action on the request pending further discussion with Dominion regarding placement of the new electric lines underground. After further discussion with Dominion, it was decided that the new line would be overhead with the location of the poles being coordinated with the County to avoid any conflicts with either the new school project or any Freedom Park site improvements.

County staff has reviewed and approved Dominion's proposed Easement location ensuring minimal impact on the Park amenities and Park users. Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the Easement documents with Dominion.


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