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Subject: SCC Releases Hearing Examiner's Report on Rappahannock Crossing--GREAT NEWS!



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Neighbors and Friends:

Yesterday the SCC released Mr. Alex Skirpan's report on the Rappahannock River power line crossing. Mr. Skirpan, Senior Hearing Examiner, has recommended the line be installed ***underground***. The report states:

[T]his case boils down to a determination of whether the added cost of an underground option is reasonable in light of the impact the Proposed 115 kV Overhead Route would have on the viewshed, economic development, and public safety. While the record in this case does not permit a precise estimate of the added cost of an underground option, as discussed more fully above, the likely added cost of an underground option is substantial. However, in this case I find that the Proposed 115 kV Overhead Route will significantly and negatively impact the viewshed, especially the currently uninterrupted views of the Rappahannock River and Chesapeake Bay from the Norris Bridge. Moreover, this viewshed is vital to a local economy dependent on tourism and retirees moving to the area. Closely tied to an economy

dependent on tourism and retirees moving to the area is the negative impact of the added towers and fenders may have on boating. In this case, I find that the negative impacts of the Proposed 115 kV Overhead Route outweigh the added cost of an underground option.

It is important to understand that this is *not* the final decision in this case. Mr. Skirpan's report must be reviewed by the three SCC Commissioners who will then decide the outcome. If they endorse Mr. Skirpan's recommendation, our beautiful river and bridge will continue to look like this--uncluttered by industrial transmission towers:



Many of you have made significant contributions that helped get us to this point. I want to thank you all again--those who wrote letters to the SCC, those who spoke at the public hearings, those who contributed financially--without your efforts, we would never have gotten this far. So, thank you!

We hope to learn the final decision in a month or two. In the mean time, we must continue to raise funds to pay our legal expenses. If you are willing to help, please [click here](#) to make a secure online contribution. Or you can mail a check to Save the Rappahannock Coalition, 177 Dawson Lane, White Stone, VA, 22578. Any contribution you are able to make will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Very best regards,
Carl Smith
President, Save the Rappahannock Coalition