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Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01

Sir

I request a rehearing. The attached written copy of my testimony at the Crystal City hearing was hand delivered at the public hearing.

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My objections have NOT been addressed.

Sincerely,

Wayne K Murphy, PhD, PE

Good Morning

My name is Wayne Murphy and I am here today representing the Piedmont Home Owners Association. We have a 1600 family community in western Prince William County in Virginia and are in the potential designated "corridor" area.

First let me say that we are for viable, reliable power to our region. That is not our issue. How it is provided and who decides the taking of our land is.

Since Dominion Power proposed to our state this year a new transmission line that would pass through our county we have closely examined their proposal and found from the outset it was solely driven by a desire to build additional transmission capacity – capacity not needed in Virginia. It was not designed to address our power needs directly. Other means to meet power needs that include more efficient existing transmission technologies, rudimentary demand reduction schemes, and local on call generation were not really considered. The current system we have created in the US rewards and gives incentives to new construction of transmission capability – not to solving our energy problems.

We do have a means to address this single solution proposal through our local and state governments. The process is currently working. However this expansive "corridor" designation would bypass those safeguards and give carte blanche to the power monopolies to avoid rational justification and consideration of state and local concerns.

Even if an expedited infrastructure construction is deemed essential the vast, wide area currently characterized as a corridor effectively shuts out all local and State concerns from NY to Virginia. Calling the designated area a "corridor" is expanding its English language definition to the extreme.

Homeowners all over our country value their property rights. The right to its private use is a fundamental element in America's soul. Our local and state officials are called to answer when a need to abridge that right in any way is deemed essential by their neighbors. The taking of property without reasonable due process is wrong, and this designation would bypass the very safeguards we have in our local and state governments and remove us and our neighbors from the decision process.

We oppose this current designation. If a corridor is deemed essential I urge you to narrowly and specifically define it and allow for our neighbors to judge our needs – not bypass our republic's institutions.