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Dear Mr. Young,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss our proposed electric transmission project with members of your staff, and for affording my team the platform to clarify our commitment to a comprehensive community outreach process.

We agree that communication with citizens is very important to ensure our team is able to design a project that not only resolves local reliability concerns, but one where we are able to minimize and mitigate impact to neighbors. In fact, we rely in part on feedback from the community to educate the project team on constraints, concerns and the history of the community.

Let me also take the opportunity to address a couple of points in your letter that may require a little more explanation.

First, I'd like to reiterate that the Glebe Substation to Station C Substation line project is in response to a local reliability load issue that Dominion planning engineers have identified that could potentially impact neighbors by 2018. This line, like most in the Dominion service area, would be networked with the electric grid so it would indeed strengthen the overall system. However, this project is not connected to or spurred by any data center construction/development in surrounding counties.

Next, I think it is important to understand that Dominion uses an open and transparent outreach program when introducing large infrastructure projects within the community. I realize that your team did not have the benefit of reviewing our outreach process when we last spoke, so I have enclosed a copy with this letter. I think you will find that this public-facing document steps stakeholders through the outreach cycle and highlights their very important role in the State Corporation Commission (SCC) application and approval process.

We will have a suite of resources available to engage and respond to neighbor and stakeholder interest, including a dedicated webpage, toll-free hotline and email address which is administered by a dedicated communications manager. We also plan to host and attend community meetings to educate neighbors on the scope, timing, and need for the project. These tools will be rolled out as we work through the process of meeting with local elected officials and staff, and key community groups.

In addition, our teams are currently finalizing the Need Assessment and Alternative(s) Feasibility Reports you mention in the letter – also a normal course of action for our SCC capital improvement projects.

