

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FACT SHEET: SURRY-SKIFFES CREEK-WHEALTON TRANSMISSION LINE

PURPOSE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS):

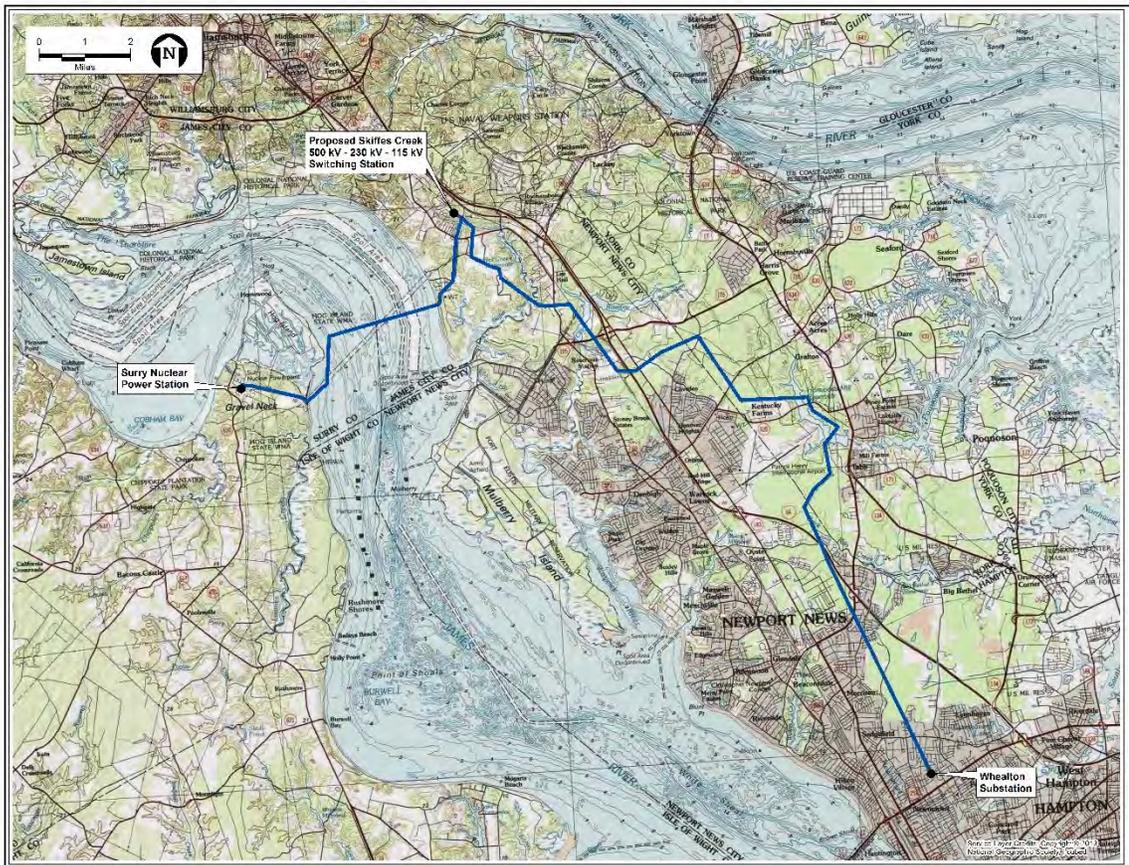
Evaluate the environmental impact of Dominion Energy's (Dominion) proposed Surry-Skiffes Creek-Whealton Transmission Line Project (Project).

DOMINION'S NEED AND PURPOSE FOR THE PROJECT:

Dominion needs to enhance electrical service reliability to over 285,000 customers while meeting EPA's Mercury Air Toxic Standards (MATS) regulations. To comply with the MATS regulations Dominion retired existing generating facilities at the Yorktown Power Station. The Project, which consists of new 500kV aerial transmission lines and infrastructure that crosses the James River between the Surry Nuclear Power Plant and a newly constructed Skiffes Creek Switching Station, was designed to offset this loss of power. The Project also includes a new aerial 7.76-mile transmission line that crosses the James River, 17 towers that range from 130 to 295 feet, and upgrades to an existing 20.2-mile transmission right of way.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT:

1. New aerial transmission line from Surry to Skiffes Creek (7.76 miles);
2. New electrical switching station at Skiffes Creek; and
3. Replace/expand the 20.2-mile Skiffes Creek-Whealton Transmission Line.



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WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)?

An EIS is an in-depth analysis of the environmental impact of a proposed action that is carried out or regulated by the Federal government and is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) where that action may have significant impacts on the quality of the human environment. In this case, the EIS will be an in-depth re-analysis of the Surry-Skiffes Creek–Whealton Transmission Line Project that will provide the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) with additional information, including an effects and impacts analysis to support a reconsideration of the 2017 approval.

WHAT WILL THE EIS ADDRESS?

The EIS will provide the Corps with analyses of the environmental effects of Dominion's Project as well as all identified alternatives to Dominion's Project.

WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED?

- Air quality
- Economics
- Water quality
- Fish & aquatic
- Wildlife
- Aesthetics
- Land use
- Energy needs
- Climate & sea level rise
- Navigation & flow
- Cultural resources
- Economic justice
- Public health & safety
- Wetlands
- Transportation
- Recreation
- Conservation
- Public needs & welfare

WHAT ALTERNATIVES WILL BE CONSIDERED?

- 28 alternatives previously considered by the Corps;
- New alternatives identified by the public during the EIS; and
- New alternatives identified by the Corps during the EIS.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCOPING MEETING?

Scoping is the first step in the EIS process. Scoping identifies the issues that will be considered in the EIS. Your comments will inform the Corps as to the relative significance of the environmental effects of the Project.

