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To All Concerned Citizens,

I am writing to inform you of the communication that I have had with Dominion since Tuesday, October 25. After attending your meeting with residents, I had offered to gather some information that may be useful to you, or to at least answer some of the questions that I had while listening to the presentation.

It is understandable that some of the answers may bring about more questions. Additionally, my questions may not be inclusive of the questions that you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me in order to receive follow up information.

Your dedication to the community is admirable and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Below you will find both my immediate email request to Dominion as well as their response back to me from Wednesday, October 26th.

Best regards,

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Wed 10/26/2011 9:11 AM
From: Kelly Schulz [Kelly.schulz@house.state.md.us]
To: carolyn.moss@dom.com
Subject: Myersville residents concerns

Ms. Moss,

I attended a community meeting with residents of Myersville last evening with Delegate Kathy Afzali and Councilman Brett Bidle. Needless to say, there are many concerns that they have regarding the proposed compressor station.

I believe that it would be prudent for Dominion to respond to some of their concerns. There is specific information that they are circulating that portray environmental and health risks associated with the project. I certainly realize that there are environmental studies that are being conducted, but if Dominion has specific information on what you have learned from previous sites, that would be very helpful.

Some additional items to consider:

- What is the proposed amount of time that the compressor will be in operation? It was stated last night that it would run 24/7. I had thought it would be minimal.
- It was estimated that the noise associated with the operation would be heard up to 1.5 miles from the site. It was my understanding that it would be minimal within a narrow boundary.
- What is the timeline for completion of the product? I have a document stating that construction is scheduled to start June 15, 2012. I had understood the schedule to be further out, but would like clarification of that.
- There was considerable concern regarding previous Dominion lawsuits within the past 6 years pertaining to the improper disposal of hazardous waste and failure to properly inspect the pipes and devices.
- The Myersville project has been compared to the project in Dish, TX. I understand that is not a Dominion facility, but I thought it was important for you to make the distinguishing differences.
- The residents were told that they would be responsible for any road repair having to do with construction of the facility. This will probably need to be addressed.

My official position, as stated numerous times last evening, was that I am not a supporter or an opponent of the project at this time. However, I believe it is responsible to, as an elected official, help to provide factual information so that educated decisions can be made.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience. The current timeline shows that Dominion will be back in Myersville on November 7 during a FERC presentation. I will plan to attend that meeting.

Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to working with you to put forward information to the community.

Sincerely,
Delegate Kelly Schulz

The response back from Dominion is as follows:

- **Delegate Schulz asked:** What is the proposed amount of time that the compressor will be in operation? It was stated last night that it would run 24/7. I had thought it would be minimal.

  Dominion's response: The compressor station is planned as a peaking facility as opposed to a base load compression facility. It is therefore anticipated that the facility would be utilized more in the coldest or warmest periods of the year. Dominion Transmission Inc. (DTI) has projected that the planned Myersville compressor station could operate from 3 to 4 months per year, most likely in January and February or July and August when the demand for regional natural gas usage has historically been at peak levels. It may be required to operate the compression continuously (24/7) during these peak gas delivery periods, which could last hours, days or even weeks, depending on the specific weather conditions, the regional demand for natural gas supply and Dominion's ability to provide gas deliveries to its customers.

- **Delegate Schulz asked:** It was estimated that the noise associated with the operation would be heard up to 1.5 miles from the site. It was my understanding that it would be minimal within a narrow boundary.

  Dominion's response: The station would not be audible 1.5 miles from the site. Even at a distance of ½ mile, the predicted sound levels contributed by the proposed compressor station would be less than half of the ambient noise measured in the area and would therefore not be audible. Dominion stated, both during a meeting with the Myersville town council on 9/7/11 and during an open house held in Myersville on 9/26/11, that the noise impact from the proposed compressor station would be minimal and provided a copy of the preliminary noise analysis report prepared for the project to the town council. Dominion plans to incorporate state-of-the-art noise mitigation equipment into the design of the facility in an effort to maintain a net-zero increase in the overall sound levels at all public noise sensitive areas (residences). In short, the preliminary noise analysis indicates that residents will not experience any increase in noise levels due to the planned facility. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will require Dominion to incorporate the noise mitigation measures it proposes for the project and to perform a post-construction noise analysis to verify that all noise requirements are achieved.

- **Delegate Schulz asked:** What is the timeline for completion of the project? I have a document stating that construction is scheduled to start June 15, 2012. I had understood the schedule to be further out, but would like clarification of that.

  Dominion's response: The anticipated construction start date for various facilities associated with Dominion's Allegheny Storage Project is spring 2013, however, it is not expected that construction activities for the planned Myersville compressor station would begin until summer 2013. The schedule would be contingent on receiving Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approvals in early 2013 as well as all State and Local permit approvals prior to

beginning any construction activities for the project.

- **Delegate Schulz asked:** There was considerable concern regarding previous Dominion lawsuits within the past 6 years pertaining to the improper disposal of hazardous waste and failure to properly inspect the pipes and devices.

  Dominion's response: We are not aware of any lawsuits or administrative enforcements against DTI in Maryland that have alleged failure to properly inspect pipelines and devices or improper disposal of hazardous waste.

- **Delegate Schulz asked:** The Myersville project has been compared to the project in Dish, TX. I understand that is not a Dominion facility, but I thought it was important for you to make the distinguishing differences.

  Dominion's response: We have limited knowledge of the Dish, TX situation but understand that public opposition and lawsuits filed by the town had to do with a large amount of local drilling, hydraulic fractionation, pipeline and compressor station construction in that area. These projects and facilities that were constructed were not regulated or permitted at the Federal level (by the FERC), which represents a significant difference from the proposed Myersville station.

  The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has been monitoring air quality levels in Dish for the last two years and publicly announced that they have not detected any dangerous levels of chemicals or pollutants. Furthermore, the Texas Department of State Health collected biological samples from 28 Dish residents to test for any contaminants or toxins and reported that they found no connection between pollution from compressor stations and biological toxicity levels.

- **Delegate Schulz asks:** The residents were told that they would be responsible for any road repair having to do with construction of the facility. This will probably need to be addressed.

  Dominion's response: Dominion and its contractors typically bond local roadways and document the condition of the roadways that will be frequently utilized before construction activities begin. If roads are damaged due to activities associated with the project then Dominion would be responsible for the cost of the road repairs