



**A Resolution Declaring Opposition to the Installation of Additional
Aboveground Power Infrastructure in the US 158 Corridor in Nags Head
by Dominion Energy or Its Subsidiaries**

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy provides electricity to the Outer Banks, and

WHEREAS, Dominion has previously installed and maintains one row of poles and power lines in the US 158 highway corridor, and

WHEREAS, the US 158 highway corridor is a dominant feature and the primary traffic corridor of the northern Outer Banks and the Town of Nags Head, and

WHEREAS, Dominion Energy is conducting a study to determine the best method and route to provide a second circuit between the Colington "tap" and the Nags Head substation, and

WHEREAS, among options for this route, the existing poles have already been excluded, and

WHEREAS, alternatives include an underwater route through the Roanoke Sound, underground in the US 158 highway corridor, or overhead on new poles in the US 158 highway corridor, and

WHEREAS, the areas affected by these poles are low-density low-rise residential and commercial, and

WHEREAS, the aesthetic effects of transmission lines are negative to most people, especially where such lines cross natural landscapes, and since tall structures are out of proportion and not compatible with carefully planned low-rise development, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head Vision Statement states that the preservation of our economy and quality of life is directly tied to maintaining the Nags Head character, and

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement further elaborates that the Nags Head character is defined by our historic architecture, scenic views, open spaces, and low-density development, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head Comprehensive Plan includes specific policy statements that articulate our desired vision for development. These include:

- LU-1 Ensure that the character of Nags Head is preserved as a single-family residential beach community with ties to its natural environment. This character is defined by:
- Development that blends with the landscape, preserving natural vegetation, dunes, open spaces, and environmental quality.
 - Buildings with a residential scale and appearance with low heights and small footprints that are designed to reflect the heritage of Nags Head.
 - Commercial development that serves the needs of residents and visitors but respects the goals of the community related to design and appearance.
 - Land uses that are compatible with the community and with adjacent properties that don't create excessive noise, light, unsafe conditions, or other nuisances.
 - Signage that provides adequate communication but does not dominate the landscape.

WHEREAS, as a community we believe that certain design alternatives for power infrastructure, to include additional above ground infrastructure, are in direct conflict with the vision and goals of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the impact of these poles will be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and travelers, and

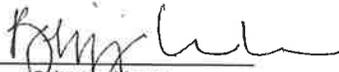
WHEREAS, the installation a new row of poles will approximately double the number of safety hazards to the traveling public, and

WHEREAS, reputable published studies have presented evidence that overhead power lines and poles depress property values in proximity to them.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Nags Head does hereby request the following:

- That Dominion Energy abandon the option of a second row of poles and associated aboveground infrastructure along US 158.
- That Dominion Energy consider only those options for power infrastructure that are consistent with Nags Head's goals for aesthetics and community preservation.
- That the North Carolina Utilities Commission deny installation of additional aboveground infrastructure, to include a second row of power poles, within the US 158 corridor through the Town of Nags Head.

Adopted this 2nd day of December 2020.



Ben Eshoon, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:


Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk