

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 58

(By Delegates Manypenny, Doyle, Talbott,
Longstreth, Mahan, Staggers, Moore, Lawrence, M. Poling,
Poore, Guthrie, Brown, Hatfield, Shaver, Smith, Walker,
Wells, Hamilton, Fleischauer and Moye)

Requesting the West Virginia Public Service Commission to halt consideration of the PATH transmission project until full consideration is given to Dominion Virginia Power's Alternative One.

WHEREAS, Dominion Virginia Power has proposed to PJM Interconnection, West Virginia's regional transmission organization, an alternative to the PATH transmission project to rebuild two existing high voltage transmission lines and the TRAIL line's in-service date of June 2011 which would make a new PATH transmission line unnecessary to maintain the capacity and safety of West Virginia's electrical transmission system; and

WHEREAS, Dominion's proposed alternative to PATH would require no new West Virginia landowners to give up their land for the proposed rebuild project; and

WHEREAS, Dominion estimates that its proposed alternative to PATH would cost West Virginia consumers less than one-third the cost of the proposed PATH line; and

WHEREAS, Dominion's proposal for this Mount Storm to Doubs line will result in an increase in the thermal capacity of the two rebuilt transmission lines by sixty-five percent, eliminating

1 almost all of the problems that PJM Interconnection has identified
2 in our region; and

3 WHEREAS, The West Virginia Public Service Commission and PJM
4 Interconnection have already approved approximately one half of
5 Dominion's proposed alternative to PATH; and

6 WHEREAS, The remaining transmission line to be rebuilt under
7 the Dominion alternative lies entirely within the State of West
8 Virginia and Allegheny Energy's subsidiary Monongahela Power which
9 owns that transmission line is entirely within the jurisdiction of
10 the West Virginia Public Service Commission; and

11 WHEREAS, This Legislature has required that the West Virginia
12 Public Service Commission act in the best interests of West
13 Virginia electrical customers and citizens concerning high voltage
14 transmission line projects; therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 We strongly urge the West Virginia Public Service Commission
17 to halt all consideration of the PATH application currently before
18 it, and move rapidly to approve the reconstruction/rebuilding of
19 Monongahela Power's Pruntytown to Mt. Storm 500kV transmission
20 line, completing the majority of the Dominion alternative to PATH
21 which is in the best interests of West Virginia electrical
22 customers and citizens; and, be it

23 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
24 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Commissioners of
25 the West Virginia Public Service Commission.