

STAFF REPORT

Warrenton Town Council

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Council Meeting Date: December 9th, 2025.

Agenda Title: Dominion Energy Franchise Agreement

Requested Action: Receive the Information

Department / Agency Lead: Legal

Staff Lead: Mr. Chap Petersen, Town Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

■ Dominion has requested to enter an MOU, so as to extend additional broadband facilities through the Town's Right of Way ("ROW")

- The project is funded by the Va Technology Infrastructure Fund and is designed to bring broadband to rural residents that don't currently have access
- The benefitted users will all be outside the Town, primarily on the western side of the County;
- The benefit to the Town is that our infrastructure will be upgraded so as to make future technologies easier to implement
- The amount of disruption should be minimal it's basically a matter of stringing an extra line of fiber to the existing poles
- There will be no expansion of the ROW necessary

The Town can either enter an MOU or decline. There's no requirement to do it.

BACKGROUND

Dominion Energy, Inc., commonly referred to as Dominion, is an American power and energy company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia that supplies electricity in parts of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina and supplies natural gas to parts of Utah, Idaho and Wyoming, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Dominion also has generation facilities in Indiana, Illinois, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Consider allowing the Town Manager to sign the MOU.

Service Level/Collaborative Impact

Service Level impacts have not been reviewed for this item.

Policy Direction/Warrenton Plan 2040

Dominion Energy is the provider for energy needs within the Town of Warrenton. A collaborative relationship with the company helps power all aspects of Plan Warrenton 2040.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact has not been reviewed for this item.

Legal Impact

Legal Impact has not been reviewed for this item.

ATTACHMENTS

1. MOU