

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on the draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow impacts to nontidal forested and emergent wetlands in Accomack and Northampton Counties.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper.

**PERMIT TYPE:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by the DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board.

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Attn: Mr. G. E. Gowen, Jr., 4201 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060; VWPP No. 14-0307.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** ODEC has applied for a VWP individual permit for the Tasley to Exmore 69kV Aerial Transmission Line replacement project to meet the electrical load requirements for Virginia's Eastern Shore. The permit will allow the construction of 14.6 miles of replacement 69kV aerial transmission line within the existing 150-foot wide right-of-way, which is located east of Route 13 running north/south from Tasley to Exmore. An additional 30-foot wide right-of-way will be added to the eastern side of this alignment and cleared for tree fall protection. The project will permanently impact 0.003 acres of emergent wetlands for installation of 42 new poles within the 150-foot wide right-of-way, and permanently convert 5.96 acres of forested wetlands to emergent wetlands within the additional 30-foot wide right-of-way. The project is located within the Atlantic Ocean watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the proposed conversion impacts, the applicant will preserve in perpetuity 63.2 acres of forested wetlands along the Pocatoy River in Virginia Beach. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Name: Sheri Kattan, Project Manager; Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462; Phone – 757-518-2156; E-mail Address – [sheri.kattan@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:sheri.kattan@deq.virginia.gov); FAX – 757-518-2009. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment.