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**To:** Walsh, Barbara  
**Subject:** Dominion Mega Towers in Rockbridge and Augusta Counties

Dear Friends and Members of RACC – A number of RACC members are concerned and are being affected by the current Dominion Power project to replace existing transmission line structures in Rockbridge and Augusta counties with 170 foot unpainted, reflective metal towers - this after being given the understanding that the new supports would not differ materially from the original ones.

A very thorough analysis and photos by local resident Kris Baumann are attached. If you don't have time to read the entire Letter to Senator Deeds, *at least look at Attachment photos #1 and #2* – before and after views that show the impact.

If you share these concerns and would like to help in the effort to require significant remediation, please consider the following:

- If you share the concerns expressed in Kris Baumann's letter, especially if you are in the affected area, please send the attached information and/or your own comments to your Rockbridge County Supervisor, Ben Cline, Creigh Deeds, Emmett Hanger, Bob Goodlatte, Governor McAuliffe, Secretary Molly Ward, and the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) (address information below).
- Help expand awareness and involvement. Please pass the letter/attachment on to folks you think will be interested. Kris has given his permission to distribute widely.
- Let RACC know of your interest in working with others on this issue and/or your interest in being kept informed. Send your name and contact information to:

**Rockbridge Area Conservation Council (RACC)**

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Please also be assured that the purpose of this alert and call to action is not to merely carp and complain. We all need power. But in previous cases where Dominion has not played by the rules, they have been required to do significant remediation, including tower painting. The point is that some tangible, good result could come of a concerted grass roots effort.

-Barbara Walsh

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