

TO: Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board
Virginia State Corporation Commission

DATE: February 19, 2008

SUBJECT: DOMINION ENERGY'S PROPOSED COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT, WISE COUNTY, VA

I am a resident of the United States and I see the importance of utilities looking to the future to provide their customers with clean, affordable and dependable electricity. I fully support the construction and operation of Dominion Energy's proposed coal-fired power plant to be built in the Virginia City/St. Paul area of Wise County, Virginia. This Dominion Energy plant will use Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) technology, a proven clean coal technology that offers:

- ✓ **Environmental performance**
 - Greatly reduces air emissions
- ✓ **Fuel flexibility**
 - Capable of burning waste coal and wood wastes
- ✓ **Reliability**
 - Availability is proven to be greater than 90%
- ✓ **Cost**
 - Less costly than other clean coal technologies

It is my understanding this technology meets the Clean Air Act Standards established by the federal government and this power station will meet all Virginia Department of Environmental Quality air quality requirements.

The project's design will also accommodate emerging carbon dioxide provisions.

Carbon Capture

- the design includes a site for installing carbon capture technology when it becomes commercially available.

Carbon Sequestration

- Dominion is partnering with the Virginia Center for Coal & Energy Research at Virginia Tech to demonstrate carbon dioxide carbon dioxide storage into nearby un-mineable coal seams

While energy conservation can help, plants such as this are necessary to produce the electricity needed to supply current needs and to meet future demands. Electricity demand is projected to increase by 100% in the next 25 years. We must continue to develop electricity generation capacity using clean coal technology in addition to developing, wind and solar power, natural gas and nuclear energy.

Wind and solar energy will likely make greater contributions in the future, but are not currently major sources of electricity generation. Coal must remain a part of the mix.

Currently, coal is the only domestic energy source capable of economically supplying our nation's energy needs and meeting the increasing demand for electricity. In fact, nine out of every ten tons of coal mined in the United States today is used to generate power, and about 56 percent of the electricity used in this country is coal-generated electricity. Coal is abundant in southwest Virginia, and a coal burning power plant located in Wise County would provide a reliable source of affordable power for homes, manufacturing, educational, retail, and professional institutions.

Today's modern mining practices enable coal to be mined in a safe and more environmentally friendly manner.

The Wise County facility would create and support much needed jobs and economic development in the community and surrounding area. In addition, this plant is designed to burn waste coal and run-of-mine coal, which would encourage more deep mining in marginal seams and recovery and elimination of abandoned gob piles.

We, the undersigned, completely support, welcome and encourage the construction and operation of this plant, as well as continued development of clean coal technology (including carbon capture and storage) and continued research and use of alternative energy sources.

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