

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 633D AIR BASE WING JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS VA

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Colonel Kelly

Respectfully request your favorable support and approval of the application from Dominion Virginia Power requesting the development of a 500KV Electric Transmission System crossing the James River. The project will help ensure the continuation of a reliable and sufficient electrical power supply to the Virginia Peninsula and Joint Base Langley-Eustis (JBLE).

The pending closure of the Yorktown power plant in 2017 results in a single point of failure to the electrical grid serving both Langley Air Force Base and Fort Eustis. The James River transmission crossing will provide a redundant source of power and significantly reduce the risk of mission impacts to JBLE. The 633d Air Base Wing is charged with supporting several diverse and crucial missions across the joint base. Part of that support is ensuring reliable infrastructure. I need your help to ensure a lack of reliable electrical infrastructure does not threaten the mission of JBLE in the future.

I appreciate your consideration on this critical project. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mark Sciacchitano at (757) 878-3642 or mark.j.sciacchitano.civ@mail.mil.

Sincerely

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