

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2011 SESSION

CHAPTER 244

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 3 and 6 of the first enactment of Chapter 799 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008, relating to a pilot program to place certain electric transmission lines underground.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 3 and 6 of the first enactment of Chapter 799 of the Acts of Assembly of 2008 are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3. In reviewing applications submitted by public utilities for certificates of public convenience and necessity for the construction of electrical transmission lines of 230 kilovolts or less filed between ~~the effective date of this act~~ April 2, 2008, and July 1, ~~2012~~ 2014, the State Corporation Commission shall approve three applications for qualifying projects to be constructed in whole or in part underground, as a part of the pilot program. The three qualifying projects shall be in addition to the qualifying project described in subsection A of § 2. If a public utility submits an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for an electrical transmission line that completes the network for a qualifying project as set forth in subsection B of § 2, the approval of such application shall constitute one of the three additional projects to be approved pursuant to this section.

§ 6. The State Corporation Commission shall report annually to the Commission on Electric Utility Restructuring, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Governor on the progress of the pilot program by no later than December 1 of each year that this act is in effect. The State Corporation Commission shall submit a final report to the Commission on Electric Utility Restructuring, the Joint Commission on Technology and Science, and the Governor no later than December 1, ~~2012~~ 2014, analyzing the entire program and making recommendations about the continued placement of transmission lines underground in the Commonwealth.