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Dear Burruano Family,

On Wednesday, May 18, 2011, I hosted a Fairfax Station community meeting at Fairview Elementary School to address concerns the community expressed with respect to NOVEC's electric reliability issues. I would like to personally thank the community leaders who organized the meeting and brought their concerns regarding NOVEC's reliability issues to me. In attendance were over 150 Fairfax Station residents, Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity, State Senator Dave Marsden, and most of the NOVEC Leadership Team, including seven of the nine NOVEC Board members and NOVEC President Stan Feuerberg.

For those of you who were not able to attend the meeting, I wanted to brief you on the plans that NOVEC has put forward to increase Fairfax Station's electric reliability. In addition, I wanted to outline the steps that I will be taking to ensure that my constituents, the residents of Fairfax Station, receive the level of reliability that is expected from the NOVEC system.

NOVEC agreed that, while their system has the highest reliability rating of all electric utilities in the region for the last 12 years, clearly Fairfax Station is well below that level of electric reliability. NOVEC has pledged to perform the following steps to upgrade Fairfax Station's electricity grid:

1. Aggressively perform tree trimming/removal along overhead lines as permitted by existing right of ways.
2. Install 103 new sectionalizing devices (fuses, switches, etc.) – Already completed.
3. Install 35kV spacer cable on line feeding Popes Head Substation- Scheduled to begin June 1.
4. Install 12.5kV spacer cable between Yates Ford & Chapel Rd. – Already completed.
5. Rebuild 35 miles of existing line to make the lines more robust – In progress.

In addition, NOVEC has provided a remotely controlled redundant supply to the Fairfax Station Subdivision so that if one substation fails, the Subdivision will be switched automatically to another NOVEC substation's supply.

NOVEC also has agreed to investigate any damage claims on a case by case basis. Please provide as much detail regarding the claim as possible, including circumstances, date, time, receipts for damaged property, etc. and mail them to:

Mr. Patrick Toulme
Vice President & General Counsel
NOVEC
P.O. Box 2710
Manassas, VA 20108-0875

NOVEC will monitor their performance and provide summaries to the SCC, the Fairfax Station HOA and myself. If NOVEC's reliability fails to meet an acceptable standard, I will ask the SCC to require NOVEC to install a transformer to allow for the purchase of electricity from Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) facilities. As stated in a letter just received by the State Corporation Commission (SCC), which regulates the utility industry in Virginia,

"There have been situations where two electric utilities have established a metering point between them in which one utility's customers are served from another utility's facilities. This situation is called a 'border line transaction'.... if the customers are still receiving inadequate level of service and the Cooperative has exhausted all other options, then this may become a viable option."

I am determined that the Fairfax Station community will be provided more reliable electric service as soon as possible. I will continue to monitor this issue very closely. Please continue to contact my office directly if you experience outages.

Again, thank you to the Fairfax Station HOA for bringing this issue to my attention, especially the "electric utility committee" for their determination in seeking solutions for their community.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-815-1201 or via email at DelTHugo@house.virginia.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Hugo".

Tim Hugo
Delegate
Virginia's 40th District