RESOLUTION REQUESTING FULL PROJECT DISCLOSURE, ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS, AND MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY REVIEW PRIOR TO THE FILING OR ADVANCEMENT OF THE FIRSTENERGY PAGE-SPERRYVILLE 138 kV TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy has proposed the reconstruction of the existing Page-Sperryville 138 kilovolt transmission line between Luray and Sperryville through replacement of aging infrastructure and installation of new transmission structures; and

WHEREAS, primary regulatory oversight and approval authority for high-voltage transmission line projects in the Commonwealth of Virginia rests with the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC); and

WHEREAS, while local land use authority over electric transmission lines is limited, the Board of Supervisors serves as an advocate for the health, safety, welfare, scenic heritage, and economic interests of Page County residents; and

WHEREAS, portions of the proposed project pass through areas of exceptional scenic, environmental, recreational, historical, and economic importance to Page County, including the Shenandoah National Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of maintaining safe and reliable electric service while ensuring that utility infrastructure projects are planned, justified, and implemented in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts on local communities; and

WHEREAS, numerous residents have expressed concerns regarding visual impacts, structure heights, right-of-way clearing, property rights, environmental effects, construction impacts, and the potential for future transmission expansion; and

WHEREAS, numerous residents have expressed concerns that this project will result in an increase to their utility rates when the upgrades are being done to serve outside third party interests such as data center development in other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that complete and transparent information is necessary for informed public participation and regulatory review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Page County Board of Supervisors requests that FirstEnergy provide the following:

1. Detailed engineering justification for proposed structure heights, materials, configuration, and right-of-way requirements.

2. Comprehensive alternatives analysis including lower-profile structures and undergrounding options in visually sensitive locations.

3. Professional visual simulations from Skyline Drive, and other significant public viewpoints.

4. Comprehensive assessment of impacts on tourism, recreation, businesses, agriculture, conservation investments, and property values.

5. Documentation concerning property-owner rights, easement modifications, and land access requirements.

6. Detailed construction, restoration, and mitigation plans.

7. Full disclosure regarding future transmission capacity and potential future expansion capability.

8. Clear and transparent access to project information throughout permitting, design, and construction.

9. Full disclosure regarding intended financing of the project and whether there are proposed or anticipated rate increases for current utility consumers to fund the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board requests the SCC and all applicable state and federal agencies thoroughly evaluate environmental, scenic, historic, cultural, economic, and community impacts before issuing permits or approvals.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board reaffirms its commitment to protecting the scenic beauty, rural character, natural resources, private property rights, and quality of life of Page County while supporting responsible and transparent utility infrastructure planning.

This Resolution was adopted by the Page County Board of Supervisors this 19th day of October, 2026.

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Clifton Thomas, Chairman Allen Louderback, Vice Chair