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Brunswick County Community Celebrates Arrival of New Power Station

Richmond, Va. (Feb. 9, 2015) -- Dominion Virginia power formally celebrated the development of the Brunswick County Power Station with a groundbreaking ceremony on Jan. 20, 2015.

The 1,360-megawatt natural gas Power Station is expected to be running by summer of 2016, anticipates powering 340,000 homes and generating \$824 million in new economic activity statewide. Not only will it generate nearly a million dollars in economic activity, with natural gas as its fuel the station is expected to save customers more than \$1 billion over its expected life by replacing electricity from economically and environmentally ineffective aging coal-fired power stations.

“The Power Station will bring some economic stability and positive innovation to the community,” Saul Bailey, Dominion's vice president of Business Development & Generation Construction said. “We definitely encourage other counties to take the same initiative in the direction of economically and environmentally beneficial power. Not only does it make the most financial sense, but it establishes the county’s presence as a functional, progressive community.”

Originally approved in August 2013 by the Virginia State Commission, the project started construction in September 2013 and is 17 percent complete. Currently, the Station has 600 workers on site, although that number is expected to grow to more than a 1,000 at the height of construction this fall.

The initial capital investment into the station is a staggering \$1.3 billion, the largest single investment in the history of Brunswick County. While the high cost of generating the power station will bring about a 45 percent increase in property taxes for Brunswick County residents, the additional revenues from taxes will allow the county stronger schools and additional valuable public services to citizens of the county.

“It’s definitely a venture in the right direction,” Nancy Jones, Brunswick County Administrator said. “We want to build the most prosperous community in the state, and the new opportunities that the Station creates are really a blessing in helping us achieve that goal.”

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