

RESOLUTION REGARDING VALLEY LINK JOSHUA FALLS-YEAT 765KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

At the meeting of the board of the Central Virginia Land Conservancy, on April 8, 2026, the following resolution was proposed and approved by the board:

WHEREAS, the mission of the Central Virginia Land Conservancy is “We protect the lands and waters you love, forever”;

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to approximately 7.3 to 8.1 million acres of farmland, covering roughly 30% of the state's total land area;

WHEREAS, Virginia is home to approximately 16 million acres of forestland, covering roughly 62% of the state's total land area;

WHEREAS, agriculture and forestry industries have a combined economic impact of more than \$104 billion annually in Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Valley Link “Joshua Falls-Yeat” 765KV Transmission Line Project (“the project”) is proposed to span 115 miles, crossing nine counties in its path, including approximately 45 miles through Campbell, Appomattox and Buckingham Counties, which are part of the Central Virginia Land Conservancy’s service area;

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Land Conservancy holds 17 conservation easements in proximity to the project route;

WHEREAS, the project is expected to impact over 2,500 acres of land that is currently forested or farmed which provides valuable habitat and contributes to the rural economy and character of the region, and which would be cleared and converted to a 200’ wide utility right-of-way;

WHEREAS, the project is being built largely to support the growing demand for data centers and emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI);

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Land Conservancy passed a resolution in Feb. 2025 regarding data centers’ impact on rural land and water;

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Land Conservancy encourages policies that prioritize the preservation of important farm and forest land, wildlife habitat, water resources, and the rural character of the community;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central Virginia Land Conservancy recommends the following:

THAT Valley Link Transmission Company LLC (Valley Link) consider alternative options to the project proposal, such as utilizing existing right-of-way easements and upgrading existing infrastructure;

THAT the Virginia State Corporation Commission require and only consider applications from Valley Link that contain such alternative options.

Signed,



Janet Scheid, President of the Board