

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative has been notified that Dominion Virginia Power has scheduled a planned outage for this evening in order to take corrective action at their Doom Substation in Augusta County. The planned outage is scheduled to begin at or around 9:30 p.m. this evening and the corrective action is designed to prevent a reoccurrence of the extended outage that affected 7100 CVEC members on Saturday morning and early afternoon.

Dominion officials estimate that the repair work will take at least 30 minutes, followed by a period to allow the gradual and orderly restoration of service throughout the distribution lines that deliver energy to the Dominion Virginia Power customers and to the CVEC Cooperative members. The same members who experienced the outage on Saturday will be subject to the planned outage this evening. They include the members served by the following substations: Midway (near Crozet), Martins Store (near Nellysford, serving 4000 member from Afton to Shipman) and two Wintergreen Mountain substations that serve more than 2400 members.

CVEC members do not need to notify the Cooperative since the cause of the outage is known and isolated to the Dominion substation. CVEC does advise members to turn off appliances and electric heating system, to assist with "cold load pickup" the period where power restoration places a burden on the distribution system. Once power is restored, members should gradually turn on appliances over the period of 30-60 minutes.

Look for additional information on the CVEC website, www.mycvec.com or the CVEC Facebook page www.facebook.com/mycvec.