

which is expected to be in operation by 1974, supplying 4 million kilowatts.

All this has been done and will be done without the expenditure of taxpayers' dollars.

It is also our understanding that the Federal Government is not in the business of producing power in areas of development and expansion such as that adjacent to this project.

4. Although water supply is important, the anticipated benefits from this phase appear to be small when compared to the enormity of the project.

5. The expected benefits from recreational development indicate this as the primary purpose of the project. The flooding of over 20,000 acres of land would destroy a natural recreation area for many who now camp, boat, canoe, hunt, or fish in this region. While providing fishing in unspoiled surroundings and some of the finest 'white water' canoeing on the eastern seaboard, the Rappahannock River remains one of the only unpolluted rivers in the East. When considering the untold number of acres of water already available for boating in the Virginia coastal area, the flooding of additional acreage certainly does not appear to be necessary.

6. Our property has produced a good crop of marketable timber in the past and can be expected to continue to do so. A recent timber survey and a forester's report have provided us with a program of timber management for our woodland which will assure the continued productivity of this property. In addition, this land is the site of an old surface gold mine. No mining operations are currently being conducted, but prospects exist for the production of gold or other minerals. Flooding of this tract will destroy the usefulness of these natural resources.

8. This area is rich in the history of this country. It is inappropriate, at a time when historical areas are rapidly disappearing in the path of progress, to destroy some of the last remaining traces of roads and military works connected with the Civil War battles of the Wilderness and Chancellorsville.

9. In light of the foregoing points, the only possible conclusions to be reached are:

(a) The size of the project is out of line with the requirements for flood control and water supply.

(b) The need for Government-produced electrical power does not exist.

(c) The lack of recreation facilities has not been established.

(d) The project will do nothing to conserve water, land, timber, wildlife, or any other natural resource.

(e) The expenditure of the estimated millions of dollars for a project which will provide only minor returns to the taxpayers who will finance it will add another fiscal burden to the Government at a time when it can least afford it.

We urge you to abandon this project as not in the best interest of the property owners and the public in general.

Mr. JONES (presiding). Thank you, Mrs. Clifford.

Mrs. CLIFFORD. That is the end of my written statement, but I would like to take exception to Representative Scott's statement about his questionnaire.