

## The Bottom Line: Virginia Energy Efficiency News + Views

### News and Resources

[What energy efficiency can learn from solar, Uber and Spotify](#) (Greentech Media)

[Meeting - and exceeding - the Clean Power Plan in Virginia](#) (Report: Union of Concerned Scientists)

[Want to weigh your state's CPP compliance options? Check out our new SUPR2 calculator](#) (ACEEE)

[Will plug loads be the next frontier in energy efficiency?](#) (Energy Manager Today)

[Do energy codes work?](#) (Builder Online)

[Why we should be talking about comfort, not energy efficiency](#) (Treehugger)

[Appliance standards change the world in 2015 - quietly](#) (Energy Efficiency Markets)

### February 2: Clean Energy Lobby Day

The VAEEC is teaming up with the Maryland, DC, Virginia Solar Energy Industries Association (MDV-SEIA) to host Clean Energy Lobby Day (CELD) 2016.

Our focus will be on bringing together the advanced energy businesses of Virginia with key legislators to advocate for clean technology bills in this upcoming legislative session.

Last year, more than 100 business representatives from Virginia's solar, wind

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### NEW WHITE PAPER: CLEAN POWER PLAN, EE AND IMPACT ON RATEPAYERS

"Implementing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan would have minimal impact on electricity costs in Virginia, and could even provide savings for ratepayers under some scenarios, compared with projected energy costs in 2030." Those are among the findings of a white paper released today by the Advanced Energy Economy Institute and based on an open-access analytic tool called the State Tool for Electricity Emissions Reduction (STEER).

Read our blog post and download the full white paper [here](#).



### General Assembly Kicks Off with Several Energy Efficiency Bills

Last week kicked off the beginning of the 2016 Virginia General Assembly session. Already, there are a slew of energy efficiency bills that have been introduced, indicating what an important policy issue energy efficiency has become in the Commonwealth.

[Check out our list of bills](#). As of right now, VAEEC has not endorsed any of these bills. Once our policy committee has had a chance to review them and make recommendations to our Governance Board, we will let you know which bills we will be supporting.

VAEEC will continue to bring you updates on these bills and others as session continues. We hope you can join us at [Clean Energy Lobby Day](#) on Feb. 2 to advocate for important EE legislation.

### Featured Member of the Month: Dominion Virginia Power

Dominion Virginia Power offers 6 non-residential, and 7 residential programs that empower customers to manage their energy consumption, resulting in lower bills throughout the

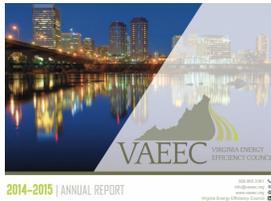


and energy efficiency industries achieved 60+ meetings with legislative offices.

[Learn more and register now.](#)

## ICYMI: Annual Report

In case you missed our Annual Report amidst the holiday crush, be sure to check out all that we accomplished together. Download it [here](#).



year. The company recently expanded its EnergyShare program to provide financial assistance, weatherization services and educational outreach to more qualifying customers, including people living with disabilities and military veterans facing financial hardships.

[Find out more about Dominion](#), a VAEEC Gold Level Member.

## Guest Blog Post: PACE Update and Recommendations

Abby Johnson of Abacus Property Solutions and Neal Barber of Community Futures spent the fall interviewing Virginia jurisdictions about PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy), researching



programs nationwide and meeting with stakeholders. Abby shares an overview of their research, findings and recommendations in [this must-read blog post](#).

## Guest Blog Post: Introducing the Virginia Multifamily Energy Efficiency Coalition

With only about two percent of utility energy efficiency programs in Virginia serving multifamily housing, a fusion of



energy efficiency advocates, weatherization providers, affordable housing providers, and environmental organizations have gathered to form the Virginia Multifamily Energy Efficiency Coalition (MFEEC). The group has set a goal of "25 / 25 / 2025," which means the coalition will support policies and programs resulting in an average energy savings of 25-percent or greater in 25-percent of the affordable multifamily housing stock in Virginia by 2025.

Chase Counts of VAEEC member Community Housing Partners, part of the Coalition, gives us an update of what they've been working on, next steps and how to get involved. [Read it now.](#)

The VAEEC is a broad coalition whose mission is to assess and support programs, innovation, best practices and policies that advance energy efficiency in Virginia and to provide a forum for stakeholder interaction.