

# VAEEC Utility Program Updates

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# Utility Programs: DSM Updates

The SCC issued Final Orders last month for both ApCo and Dominion Energy.

## Dominion Energy

- Low-income program renewed for 3 years at \$12.6M (\$2.4M less than previous low-income program)
- The program will re-launch later this summer



## Appalachian Power Company

- Low-income program renewed for 3 years at \$3.2M; will re-launch later this year
- Approved 2 residential programs; rejected 1 multi-family program
- Approved 3 commercial and industrial programs
- Will launch in 2019 after current programs expire



# Utility Programs: SCC Commissioner Updates

- In Virginia, utility commissioners are elected by the legislature.
- In February 2018, Judge James Dimitri retired early from the SCC after nearly a decade of service.
- Four candidates were interviewed by a joint hearing of the House and Senate Commerce and Labor committees but the General Assembly adjourned without electing a new Commissioner.
- The GA reconvened for a special session on April 11th to pass a budget and are still considered "in session."
- Once the GA adjourns, the Governor can appoint a new Commissioner.



# Grid Transformation and Security Act

## Energy Efficiency Components of SB 966:

- Investments in over \$1 billion in energy efficiency over the next decade: \$870M commitment from Dominion Energy and \$140M from Appalachian Power with a 5% carve out for low-income programs
- Effectively eliminating the SCC's reliance on the RIM test, which is a poor indicator of the true energy savings of energy efficiency programs
- Increases in low-income energy efficiency investments by Dominion Energy Shareholders to \$13 million per year for ten years
- Creating a stakeholder process to ensure Virginia's energy efficiency portfolio is robust and well-planned for maximum savings
- Improving the review process for proposed energy efficiency programs in the utilities' Integrated Resource Plans

# Utility Programs: VAEEC Update

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- Expanded Energy Share
  - Met with Dominion Energy staff to share initial ideas and concerns
  - Met with Weatherization Providers to find out what they want to see in an expanded program
  - Met with Dominion Energy staff to discuss specifics
  - Sent a letter detailing these ideas to Dominion, the Governor's office and the patrons of the bill



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## Stakeholder group

- Created a framework on best practices for EE stakeholder groups that included example RFPs for the third-party facilitator, list of participants, purpose and stated goals, and developing a consensus-based process
- Provided Dominion Energy and the Governor's office with the Framework
- Ongoing conversations to discuss Dominion 2018 process vs. ongoing stakeholder process
- Held a call with SCC staff to review some of the concepts in the Framework, provided them with RFP examples
- Met with Del. Kilgore to discuss updates and concerns