



Virginia Energy Efficiency Council
TOP TEN ACHIEVEMENTS



BUILDING THE FUTURE VIDEO SERIES

Our new three-part video series highlights award-winning energy efficiency projects our members are accomplishing across Virginia.



VIRGINIA CLEAN ECONOMY ACT

This landmark legislation marked an unprecedented shift in state energy policy. The VAEEC led the negotiations on the energy efficiency components of this bill.

UNIFORM STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE

The VAEEC and our members negotiated stronger energy requirements in the latest draft USBC. The final draft includes **higher R-value** for ceiling insulation, **blower door testing** and improved window fenestration guidelines.

DOMINION ENERGY DSM FILING

We formally intervened in Dominion's DSM filing before the SCC. For the second consecutive year, **all 11 programs were approved**, at the full budget and timeline requested. The SCC cited VAEEC three times in their final order.

VIRGINIA RANKS #25 ON ACEEE STATE SCORECARD

Ranked #1 in the South and the "State to Watch" in the region.

NEW MEMBER RESOURCES

Despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we expanded our resources for members by:

- Releasing the new Local Government Clearinghouse
- Launching a new Member Resource Portal
- Moving our premiere Biannual Forums online
- Hosting our first ever virtual trade show

ENERGY EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION

The VCEA was not the only legislative win for energy efficiency. Other bills that passed:

- Establish mandatory benchmarking of state buildings
- Enable an on-bill tariff program for electric co-ops
- Allow Virginia to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)
- Add a home energy audit to the residential disclosure during home-buying



C-PACE ADVANCEMENT

2020 saw plenty of progress in advancing C-PACE across Virginia.

- Three localities adopted C-PACE ordinances
- One program launched
- The General Assembly passed a law enabling the state energy office to create a statewide C-PACE administrator

REVISED LOW-INCOME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

We identified the need to revise Dominion's low-income eligibility criteria. VAEEC staff convened members from the Weatherization Assistance Program and Dominion Energy to agree upon an eligibility definition that expands program access and allows providers to service more households in need.

Using Energy Efficiency to Combat COVID-19

We published two articles highlighting how VAEEC members are using energy efficiency to combat COVID-19.