# **Community Solar Pilot Program**

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## **Community Solar Pilot Benefits**

- Supports additional solar development in Virginia
- Options for local and economic development benefits in Virginia
- Responds to customer interest in local solar
- Provides a way for all customers to "Go Solar"





## Background

- Established "Solar Policy Collaborative Workgroup"
- Stakeholders:
  - Facilitator
  - Utilities (Dominion, Appalachian Power, Electric Cooperatives)
  - Solar Advocates (SEIA, Powered by Facts, SRI)
  - Community Solar Partners (SELC, League of Conservation Voters)
- Goal: Develop a community solar program that is equitable, sustainable, and repeatable
- Outcome:
  - Collaboratively developed legislation for 2017 General Assembly; passed with little opposition and will become law in July 2017



## **Pilot Program Requirements**

- Three-year, utility-administered pilot program
- Voluntary subscription program allows customers to purchase renewable energy from locally-sited solar
- Dominion Energy will execute PPAs for a 10 MW solar "fleet" owned by third-parties
  - Fleet will be a mix of small-scale and large-scale projects
  - Can be expanded to 40 MW depending on program success
- Voluntary tariff may include: T&D costs, PPA costs, capacity and balancing costs, RFP process costs, admin/marketing costs and a margin
- All program costs are recovered through the rate schedule; not passed to non-participants



## **Next Steps**

- Conduct stakeholder input sessions
- ✓ Solicit feedback on solar fleet and low income options
- ✓ Issue RFP for solar fleet

#### **Dominion Energy Virginia Seeking Solar Generation Proposals**

Sep 11, 2017

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 11, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Dominion Energy Virginia is seeking bids for 10 megawatts of new solar generation for the Community Solar Pilot Program.

- Evaluate RFP responses and select solar facilities
- Finalize program design
- File application with State Corporation Commission



#### **Questions about the Pilot Program?** DominionEnergy.com/CommunitySolar

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