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**VIRGINIA**

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Proposed Position</b>	<b>Status/Notes</b>
<a href="#">HB 1917</a>	Electric utilities; renewable thermal energy	Includes <b>solar thermal energy</b> in the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard (for residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional applications). Currently, only thermal energy produced by industrial CHP plants is included.	Support - Drafting letter	01/08/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
<a href="#">HB 1695</a>	Renewable energy; community and agricultural net metering; renewable energy certificates.	Enables <b>community net metering</b> , which allows for joint investment in renewable energy systems. Customers may subscribe to an off-site solar array or other RE system, and receive a portion of the energy produced in the form of net metering credits on their bill.	Support - likely to be combined with HB 1946, SB 1023, and others - draft letter of broad support for increased renewable generation	01/07/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
<a href="#">HB 1946</a>	Renewable energy; amends existing portfolio standard program.	Requires that from 2016 - 2025, the <b>RPS goal</b> each year must be met by (i) renewables generated, purchased, or represented by RECs <b>produced in VA</b> ; and (ii) 40% of which must come from sunlight, on/offshore wind, wave/tides, or geothermal power.		01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
<a href="#">SB 1023</a>	Electric utility regulation; exemption for purchases from renewable energy sellers.	Excludes renewable energy sellers from regulation as a public utility and enables <b>Power Purchase Agreements</b> .		01/08/13 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
<a href="#">HB 1943</a>	Electrical utility facilities; consideration of stability of fuel prices.	Requires the State Corporation Commission, when required to approve the construction of any electrical utility facility, to consider the <b>long-term price stability</b> of any fuels used to generate energy from the facility.	Track	01/09/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
<a href="#">SB 797</a>	Electric utilities; advanced meters.	Prohibits utilities from installing or requiring use of an <b>advanced meter</b> unless the customer requests it. Requires that the utility uninstalls advanced meters at the customer's request. Prohibits the utility from sharing information from an advanced meter to any person other than the utility. Prohibits the utility from obtaining data from an advanced meter more than once per month unless requested by the customer.	Oppose - Draft Letter	12/19/12 Senate: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
<a href="#">HB 2261</a>	Investor-owned electric utilities; electric utility ratemaking.	Revises certain incentives and other provisions applicable to investor-owned electric utilities under the 2007 re-regulation legislation. Provisions include eliminating the 50 basis-point <b>performance incentive for renewables</b> under the state RPS and modifying other rules on adjusting utilities' combined rate of return on common equity.	Track	01/15/13 House: Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

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<a href="#">MC/PG 104-13</a>	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Water Conservation On-Bill Financing Program	Authorizes WSSC to establish a Water Conservation On-Bill Financing Program.	Track	Montgomery and Prince George's County Delegations
<a href="#">HB 40</a>	Residential Property Sales - Disclosure of Utility Consumption	Requires that the seller of a single family residential property displays or makes available utility information to prospective buyers. Authorizes a vendor to provide a home energy rating score.	Support	01/09/2013 First Reading Environmental Matters
<a href="#">SB 0136</a>	Solar Energy Grant Program - Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations	Authorizes housing coops, condominium councils and homeowners associations to receive grants under the Solar Energy Grant Program.	Support - Draft Letter	Finance Committee - Hearing 1/30 at 2:45 p.m.
<a href="#">HB 0103</a>	School Buildings - Solar Technology - Design Development Documents	Requires the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations that include information relating to use of solar technology during the construction or renovation of school buildings.	Support - Draft Letter	01/16/2013 First Reading Health and Government Operations