



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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September 11, 2025

Commissioners Samuel Towell, Jehmal Hudson, Kelsey Bagot  
State Corporation Commission  
1300 E. Main Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

**RE: Support for the Virginia Electric and Power Company - Chesterfield Energy Reliability Center**

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the residents of the Springfield District of Fairfax County, I urge you to support and accept Virginia Electric and Power Company's (Dominion Energy's) application (PUR-2025-00037) to construct and operate the Chesterfield Energy Reliability Center (CERC) electric generation, transmission facilities, and designated Rider CERC rate adjustment clause.

Since the passing of House Bill 1526 and Senate Bill 851, also known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA) in April of 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia, its residents, and its businesses have been edging closer to the brink of crisis. Energy demands have been increasing year after year and the supply with which the Commonwealth must fulfil these demands is unable to keep up due to the restrictions imposed in the VCEA.

Virginia is now the number one importer of electricity in the country and with that comes increased costs for its businesses and residents through rate adjustment clauses currently employed by utility providers. New dispatchable energy sources are needed to prevent the potential for widespread brown outs that are becoming more likely during off-peak hours when many of the power sources allowed under VCEA are unavailable. The Commonwealth has had close calls in the past due to its current overreliance on out-of-state energy sources. This project allows for an increase in reliability on its own grid and decreases the reliance on other states for Virginia's critical power needs.

The Chesterfield Energy Reliability Center is a commonsense solution to Virginia's increasing energy crisis and alleviates at least some of the problems the Commonwealth now faces because of the VCEA. In times of need, sources of dispatchable energy like the CERC are needed to bolster the energy portfolio of the Commonwealth. With this project, Virginia will be taking a step in the right direction towards decreasing its reliance on costly, less reliable, less green, out-of-state energy producers, and will instead increase the ability of its residents and businesses to operate in a safer, more efficient, and cheaper electrical grid.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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