



Fiscal Impact Statement for Proposed Legislation

Virginia State Corporation Commission

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Senate Bill 175

Version: Enrolled

Patron: VanValkenburg

Title: Electric utilities; renewable energy portfolio standard program requirements; power purchase agreements.

Summary as Passed: Amends certain renewable energy portfolio standard program requirements for Dominion Energy Virginia, including the annual percentage of program requirements to be met with solar, wind, or anaerobic digestion resources of one megawatt or less located in the Commonwealth. The bill changes from 2025 to 2027 the compliance year beginning in which at least 75 percent of renewable energy certificates used by Dominion Energy Virginia shall come from eligible resources located in the Commonwealth. The bill also removes the requirement for a solar-powered or wind-powered generation facility to have a capacity of no less than 50 kilowatts to qualify for a third party power purchase agreement under a pilot program. The bill directs the State Corporation Commission, by July 1, 2033, to initiate a proceeding to evaluate the future availability of renewable energy certificates from certain resources and permits the Commission to increase or decrease by up to one percentage point the percentage of program requirements to be met by such resources in future compliance years. The bill provides that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to encourage development on previously developed project sites, as defined in existing law, to reduce the land use impacts of solar development. This bill is identical to [HB 628](#).

Effective Date(s): July 1, 2026

Amendment Necessary: ☐ Budget, Item ###
☐ Technical, see *Technical Note* below
☒ None, see *Other Comments* below

Fiscal Summary

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis

Revenue

When considered individually, the SCC can meet this bill's requirements with the adjustments identified in the fiscal impact summary table and within its existing funding authority. If enacted, the SCC will review operational and fiscal impacts of this legislation along with other enacted 2026 electric utility bills to determine implementation.

Expenditures

None.

Change in FTE

None.

Other Comments

This bill requires additional workload for the RPS proceeding, as well as additional proceedings to update the “GATS” business rules (likely 2), which is a rulemaking proceeding, and the 3rd Party PPA Pilot Program. If the “floor” for the Pilot Program is removed, this could lead to an increase of residential submissions to the Pilot Program per month likely necessitating the need for automation to manage the volume efficiently.

Currently the SCC does not have the expertise to evaluate the future availability of RECs from solar, wind, and anaerobic digestion resources of 1 MW or less, therefore a subject matter expert (SME) will be needed to testify to this in the required proceeding no later than July 2033. The SCC will likely realize a fiscal impact to hire a SME, with that fiscal impact not being realized until sometime after 2030. No immediate fiscal impact is expected.

Technical Note

None.