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Re: ***Petition of Appalachian Power Company For Approval of a Minimum Bill, Tariffs, and Agreements to Implement a Shared Solar Program, Pursuant to § 56-594.4 of the Code of Virginia***
Case No. PUR-2025-00028

Dear Mr. Logan:

Pursuant to ordering paragraph (9) of the State Corporation Commission's April 11, 2025 Order for Notice and Hearing in the above-referenced case, enclosed for filing is Appalachian Power Company's proof of notice and service.

Sincerely,

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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

PETITION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY Case No. PUR-2025-00028

For Approval of a Minimum Bill, Tariffs, and
Agreements to Implement a Shared Solar Program
Pursuant to § 56-594.4 of the Code of Virginia

Proof of Publication and Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that the publication and service of notice required by Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8) of the Commission's April 11, 2025 Order for Notice and Hearing, as modified by the Commission's April 21, 2025 Order Granting Motion, in the above-referenced proceeding have been completed.

Copies of the Affidavit of Publication, tear sheets, letter to local officials and a list of their names, titles and addresses are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

May 6, 2025

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I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Appalachian Power Company (PUR-2025-00028) was published in the following Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2025.

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Julia Wigginton
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Subscribed to and sworn before me this 24 day of April 2025.

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this and that." "It's easier for the county to get money from the state than it is for us. We need to be prepared, not reactionary. I get tired of the county putting money over priority. It needs to be the other way around." With this said he admits when you are at or near the bottom financially in the state, this has its own difficulties. We need elected officials working hard to win, not be satisfied with the status quo. You do not get rewarded for trying hard, the prize comes to winners.

He points out that some have recently questioned whether Balico had the funding to do a project of the magnitude of the data center. "Balico has the financial backing with the Hillwood Group supporting either the data center project or the housing project Both Balico and the Town of Hurt have been in contact with end users for the data center. Changes are coming to our county and progress will be happening. As a county we need this, businesses coming in with good paying jobs that will help keep out young people in the area so they don't have to move away to find opportunities or have a long commute to work."

Another thing he gets frustrated with is how our leaders negotiate huge tax incentives to attract new companies, by giving them tax moratoriums for years to locate here. "All too often in North Carolina I saw this, only to see the companies move away as the tax incentives were about to expire The data center will be paying taxes from year one! Our county elected representatives need bring a proven business background with them to office and make this a priority; we need a new smart approach to business. Why have our elected officials looked internationally for possible businesses to locate here? A better question is which representative has actually picked up the phone or text to contact a company about our county letting them know what we have to offer Why isn't anyone talking about that? This is what should be driving our representatives, not special interest friends and neighbors. We need development; this should be our word for every day! The WORLD should be our playing field and our residents should demand no less."

In a brief update on progress with the Staunton Plaza project, he says that a number of businesses have inquired about moving in, but he encourages them to put down a deposit and wait for remodeling to be complete so they won't have to shut down during heavy construction, if need be

In the previous article about the letter of intent with Balico, these points were emphasized.

Key Benefits:

* Modernized Water Treatment:

A new facility to produce and deliver clean, reliable water with the potential of delivery to thousands of residents and the data center.

* Reliable Water Supply:

Ensures abundant water for residents, businesses, and emergency services.

* Lower Water Rates:

Significant reduction in water rates for Hurt residents, potentially offsetting upcoming state-mandated rate increases due to volume used by Balico .

* Fire Safety & Emergency Response:

Provides a local water source for fire suppression, improving response times and safety. Balico has committed to providing a new fire station to be located at or near the Balico Campus subject to approval by state and local authorities. The funding and staffing for the facility will be provided by Balico.

* Utility Assistance:

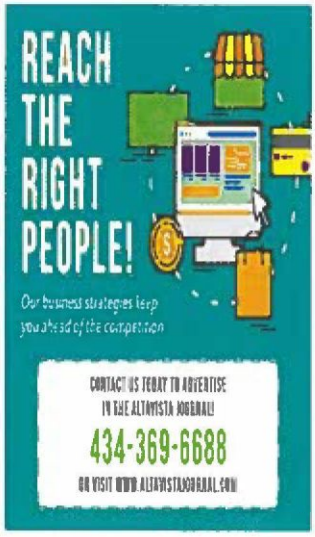
It is estimated that over a million dollars annually will be generated, depending on campus water usage, from surcharge established to assist families in need who qualify with their utility bills (provided approval by state authorities) and also financial assistance earmarked for the local volunteer fire departments and public safety. Providing approval from state and local authorities.

* Economic Impact:

The project will generate between $40 - $100 million intax revenue for the county depending on the finalized footprint of the campus, creating opportunities for tax rate reductions and infrastructure improvements throughout Pittsylvania County.

* Sustainable Design:

Balico will use all generated power for its campus, deploying the most advanced gas turbines and best available technology currently available. This will meet or exceed federal and state environmental regulations.



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PETITION OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY PROPOSING A MINIMUM BILL, TARIFFS, AND AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-594.4

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly. Among other things, these Acts of Assembly amend the Code of Virginia ("Code") by adding a section numbered 56-594.4, effective July 1, 2024. Code § 56-594.4, which is applicable to Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company"), requires the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to "establish by regulation a shared solar program that complies with the provisions of subsections B, C, D, and E by January 1, 2025, and shall require each utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for implementation of the program by July 1, 2025."

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Pursuant to Code § 56-594.4 D, the Commission must establish a minimum bill for APCo, which shall:

> include the costs of all utility infrastructure and services used to provide electric service and administrative costs of the shared solar program. The Commission may modify the minimum bill over time. In establishing the minimum bill, the Commission shall (i) consider further costs the Commission deems relevant to ensure subscribing customers pay a fair share of the costs of providing electric services, (ii) minimize the costs shifted to customers not in a shared solar program, and (iii) calculate the benefits of shared solar to the electric grid and to the Commonwealth and deduct such benefits from other costs.

On February 10, 2025, the Commission entered an order in this proceeding that, among other things, directed APCo to file a minimum bill proposal on or before April 1, 2025. On April 1, 2025, APCo filed its petition proposing a minimum bill ("Petition") as directed by the Commission. In addition to a proposed minimum bill rate of $48.66 per 1,000 kWh, the Petition includes several tariff schedules that the Company requests the Commission approve, including the Company's proposed (i) Subscriber Tariff (Schedule SSP-S); (ii) Subscriber Organization Tariff (Schedule SSP-SO); (iii) Subscriber Organization Coordination Agreement; and (iv) Subscriber Organization Registration Agreement.

According to the Petition, the Company largely followed the methodology approved by the Commission for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Case No. PUR-2020-00125. The Company states that in that proceeding, the Commission found that the minimum bill should include certain fixed and volumetric costs. APCo states that the Company includes as fixed costs the Customer Charge and the Administrative Charge. APCo proposes that the existing Customer Charge apply from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service. The Company explains that it set the Administrative Charge to $1.00 as it is currently in the process of determining the necessary work to reprogram its customer information and billing systems to accommodate the shared solar program.

APCo states that the Company includes as proposed volumetric costs: (1) Statutorily Non-Bypassable Generation Charges; (2) Base Distribution Charges; (3) Distribution RAC Charges; (4) Base Transmission Charges; and (5) Transmission RAC charges. APCo explains that the Company did not propose Base Transmission Charges, as those charges are not included in the Company's tariffs.

APCo asserts that its proposed minimum bill also includes five Non-Bypassable charges, which are statutorily mandated: Rider Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP); Rider Broadband Capacity (BC) Rate Adjustment Clause (RAC); Rider RPS Compliance A.5; Rider PCAP Capacity A.5; and Rider Renewables Capacity A.6. Additionally, APCO explains that its proposed minimum bill includes base distribution charges from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service, including the Rider Energy Efficiency RAC and the Company's Transmission RAC for transmission charges.

The Company states that prior to the consideration of benefits, the Company's proposed gross minimum bill equals $89.25 for a customer who uses 1,000 kWh of grid electricity per month and subscribes for the same amount.

The Company asserts that it calculated benefits consistent with how the benefits of utility-scale, distribution-interconnected solar facilities have been presented to and approved by the Commission in the past. The Company proposes to include credits for shifted PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") zonal transmission costs, avoided load-based ancillary service costs, and Renewable Energy Certificates ("REC") generated by the shared solar facilities, which would be used to comply with the Company's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard obligations under the Virginia Clean Economy Act. APCo proposes that the REC credit on the minimum bill be the renewable energy premium charge in Optional Rider W.W.S. for each applicable subscriber's schedule.

For the proposed shifted transmission and ancillary services credit on the minimum bill, the Company proposes to use the avoided cost rates for transmission and ancillary services that it calculated and proposed in the Company's ongoing net metering case, Case No. PUR-2024-00161. To calculate the proposed transmission benefit, the Company states that it compared the average hourly monthly load profile of a typical residential customer with the average hourly generation profile of a representative solar array. The Company explains that it divided the average avoided transmission credit component, which is based on the Annual Network Integration Transmission Rates for the AEP Transmission Zone, by the total net excess generation to produce the proposed credit rate. The Company states that it based its proposed ancillary service cost component rate on its actual 2023 PJM Ancillary Services charges.

In sum, the Company states that it determined the total proposed shared solar benefits to be $40.59 per 1,000 kWh. The resultant minimum bill (net of benefits) the Company proposes in the Petition is thus $48.66 per 1,000 kWh. According to the Petition, the proposed $48.66 minimum bill minimizes cost shifts to non-participating customers by appropriately compensating shared solar subscribers for the benefits provided by shared solar facilities while ensuring those subscribers contribute their fair share towards the Company's cost of providing retail electric service.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents in full for additional details.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically by the Commission at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025. On or before May 27, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name; and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filing out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting/, or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting/.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff ("Staff").

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Andrew J. Flavin, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, 1001 Haxall Point, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or andy.flavin@troutman.com. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies of the Petition and the public versions of other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/.

On or before May 27, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments/. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028.

On or before May 1, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company, any other respondents and Staff electronically as described above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before May 12, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served electronically on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Petition, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and the public versions of other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

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School board discusses textbooks, waits on purchase decision

JUSTIN FAULCONER
The New Era-Progress

The Amherst County School Board at this month's meeting agreed more time is needed on a decision to purchase English and reading textbooks for students grades 6 through 12.

The current textbooks are significantly outdated and are no longer aligned with new state standards with many supplemental resources no longer accessible to teachers, according to an April 1 memo from Robin Wheeler, supervisor of literacy and federal programs, to the board. A committee recommended an option out of three considered for a 5-year purchase at $355,727.

Board member Abby Thompson during the April 10 meeting asked what assurance the board has the recommended textbooks are compliant with federal civil rights laws and any related court rulings.

Amherst County Public Schools Superintendent William Wells said the recommended textbooks are from a state-approved list and he hasn't seen anything where they are not in compliance, adding he has been in contact with the division's legal counsel about it. Assistant Superintendent Dana Norman said the division's teachers have autonomy to pick and choose what to use from the textbooks at their discretion. In a recent letter to state leaders across the nation, the U.S. Department of Education wrote any violation of civil rights including "DEI" (diversity, equity and inclusion) programs to advantage one race over another is impermissible, NPR reported on April 3.

Thompson emphasized she values diversity and when she heard a lesson had been taken out, she did not agree.

"I don't want us to have knee-jerk reactions, I want us to investigate where we are with the requirements we have and to make the best decisions we can in the use of our money," she said.

She said she would not want the board to make a major financial decision only to have to pull them a month or so later.

"I don't want to spend a large amount of money just to turn around and a month later find out that we're being jerked from one end to the other, so why not ask some of those important questions up front to know what we're dealing with before we make a board decision," Thompson said, later adding: "As board member I have to do my due diligence to ask good questions."

The board also discussed possibly looking at a three-year contract option for the textbooks as opposed to five years.

Gloria Witt, an Amherst County resident who ran as a Democrat for the 5th Congressional District last year and lost to Rep. John McGuire, a Republican, during public comments railed against President Donald Trump's policies and executive orders affecting public education.

"We have a history in Amherst of some inequities, a bad word in today's climate," Witt said. "Fairness is a better word than equity."

Witt voiced her view that under the Trump administration human and civil rights are being "attacked."

"I would like for some empathy to be shown to people of color and Black Americans when it comes to civil rights and really understanding what that means, because we're under attack every single day, as well as women," Witt said. "Now it's invaded the school system, and we are afraid to even mention the word diversity. Diversity is a good thing. We need to learn how to appreciate and respect differences rather than erasing and ignoring our history, and I would like to see a little bit more empathy coming from this board and have a spine to stand up for people who happen to be non-white."

Dawn Justice, a board member who served on the committee, said the panel picked the recommended textbooks because it felt the material was "concise" and included more of the classics in literature, among other reasons.

Wells said he would like the board to come to an agreement next month to ensure the division has time to get the new textbooks in place by the start of the new budget year in July.

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To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, absent they contain confidential information, and requested electronic service on parties in this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Andrew J. Flanagan, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, 1001 Haxall Point, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or andrew.flanagan@troutman.com. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies of the Petition and the public versions of other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/.

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WHAT'S UP

NOTICES

Little Town Players Announces Auditions for The Wizard of Oz

Little Town Players is so excited to announce that auditions for the family summer show, The Wizard of Oz (MUNY Version), will be held at the theatre on Saturday, April 26 at 3:00PM and Sunday, April 27 at 7:00PM. There are roles available for adults of all ages and children (rising 1st graders and up). Attendance at both auditions is not required. Those auditioning are asked to come with 16-32 bars of prepared music to showcase vocal ability. An accompanist will be provided. There will be cold readings taken from the script and a short dance combination will be taught to check movement capabilities. Also, please bring a list of any conflicts from mid-May through mid-July. Performance dates are July 11-13 and 18-20. This production is being directed by Lisa Butler and music direction by Kevin Smith. If there are any questions, please direct them to Lisa Butler at Lgbutler101@aol.com.

Shred It and Drug take back event

Save the date for the 2025 Shred It & Drug Take Back events, organized by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office. Bring unwanted/expired medications and personal papers for shredding on Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Staunton River High School. This is a free event. Donations of pet food or canned/nonperishable food will be accepted for the Bedford County Animal Shelter and local Christian ministries.

Blue Ridge Garden Club to celebrate Arbor Day

The Blue Ridge Garden Club's traditional fundraiser will be held at Main Street United Methodist Church, 212 East Main Street on Friday, April 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The club members look forward to celebrating Arbor Day with a Luncheon and Plant Sale. The menu will be chicken salad, ham roll, deviled egg, congealed cranberry salad, cookies, iced tea or water. All homemade! Tickets will be $15.00 per person and can be purchased from club members. Box lunches (same menu) will be available for pick-up at the church and for delivery to businesses within the Town of Bedford limits. Club members will be taking orders for assorted geranium hanging baskets ahead of the luncheon and the baskets will also be for sale during the luncheon. The cost per basket will be $18.00. Also for sale will be flowers and plants from members' gardens. There will be door prizes and a Grand Prize! Ticket purchasers do not need to be present at the luncheon to win. For take-out orders, deliveries and more information, call Christy Boone at 540-816-8895, before Wednesday, April 23.

Parks and Rec to celebrating Older Americans Month with annual Elderfest Celebration

Elderfest is a longtime tradition in Bedford County. The first event was held in 1980 as a small gathering with a few vendors. Now, the activities span two days with more than 200 people attending! This year's Elderfest will be held Thursday, May 1, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Friday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bedford Moose Lodge (2986 W Lynchburg Salem Turnpike, Bedford). On Thursday, Let's Dance Band will perform. Dinner will be provided by Bedford County Parks & Rec and the Bedford Moose Lodge. On Friday, there will be vendors, entertainment from Mr. Guy and the Workman Brothers, and door prizes throughout the day. Lunch will be available for $4/person. If you have any questions about the event, call Parks & Rec at 540-586-7682.

BIA to hold Memorial Day event

The Bedford International Alliance (BIA) will hold their annual Memorial Day event on Sunday, May 26 at 2 pm at Greenwood/Oakwood Cemetery on Longwood Avenue in Bedford. The event pays respect to the 20 Bedford Boys who lost their lives on D-Day including the nine that are interred at this location along with those interned at the American Cemetery in Colleville-su-Mer, France, and in Forest , Virginia. The guest speaker will be Major General Richard Gallant (Ret) US Army and a BIA member. Assisting with the event will be American Legion Post 54, Jr ROTC, local boy scouts, and relatives of the Bedford Boys. This is a rain or shine event. All are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Andy Dooley at 540-330-9635 or Steve Rush , President BIA, at 540-871-4021.

Montvale School Preservation Foundation

The Montvale School Preservation Foundation holds its meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM in the conference room across the hall from the Montvale Library. All are welcome but only Board Members may vote. Our Farmers Markets will be the fourth Saturday in each month from April 2025 till October 2025. For vendor information contact Stephen Orange at montvalefarmersmarket@gmail.com (mailto:montvalefarmersmarket@gmail.com) For general information about The M.S.P.F contact Rona Sutton at 540-815-6618 or George Beckwith at 540-947-2111. We are a 501-c non Profit Foundation and our mailing address is P.O. Box51, Montvale Va.24122 for correspondence or MUCH NEEDED DONATIONS.

Bedford Community Christmas Station

The Bedford Community Christmas Station, located at 510 Blue Ridge Avenue (6 C's Shopping Center), thrift store is now open EVERY Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-4, also, EVERY Saturday from 9-1 until September 28th. Donations are also accepted on these days. Items NOT accepted are computer components, printers, books, VHS and cassette tapes, box tv's, mattresses, badly worn, torn, or stained upholstered furniture, and large exercise equipment. Shoppers who make a purchase are entered into our weekly drawing for special Bucks. Our Food Pantry is open year round on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for those in need.

AL-ANON MEETING

We meet every Thursday to share experience, strength, and hope for families and friends of those struggling with alcohol use. Where: Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 13586 S. Old Moneta Rd, Moneta, When. 7 — 8 p.m. Cost: Free Contact: 540-484-3929

Friday Night Music Jam

Friday Night Music Jam. 7 to 9 p.m. Bedford Baptist Church, Oakwood Ave, Bedford. All are Welcome to play or listen!

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PETITION OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY PROPOSING A MINIMUM BILL, TARIFFS, AND AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-594.4

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly. Among other things, these Acts of Assembly amend the Code of Virginia ("Code") by adding a section numbered 56-594.4, effective July 1, 2024. Code § 56-594.4, which is applicable to Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company"), requires the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to "establish by regulation a shared solar program that complies with the provisions of subsections B, C, D, and E by January 1, 2025, and shall require each utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for implementation of the program by July 1, 2025."

On November 25, 2024, in Case No. PUR-2024-00122, the Commission entered an Order Adopting Regulations to implement the directives in Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765. On December 12, 2024, the Coalition for Community Solar Access filed a Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification. On December 13, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Granting Reconsideration that: (1) continued jurisdiction over this matter to consider the Petition; and (2) suspended the Order Adopting Regulations pending the Commission's reconsideration. On February 10, 2025, the Commission issued an Order on Reconsideration in Case No. PUR-2024-00122 that unsuspends the Order Adopting Regulations, thus finalizing the new shared solar rules, effective February 14, 2025.

Pursuant to Code § 56-594.4 D, the Commission must establish a minimum bill for APCo, which shall:

> include the costs of all utility infrastructure and services used to provide electric service and administrative costs of the shared solar program. The Commission may modify the minimum bill over time. In establishing the minimum bill, the Commission shall (i) consider further costs the Commission deems relevant to ensure subscribing customers pay a fair share of the costs of providing electric services, (ii) minimize the costs shifted to customers not in a shared solar program, and (iii) calculate the benefits of shared solar to the electric grid and to the Commonwealth and deduct such benefits from other costs.

On February 10, 2025, the Commission entered an order in this proceeding that, among other things, directed APCo to file a minimum bill proposal on or before April 1, 2025. On April 1, 2025, APCo filed its petition proposing a minimum bill ("Petition") as directed by the Commission. In addition to a proposed minimum bill rate of $48.66 per 1,000 kWh, the Petition includes several tariff schedules that the Company requests the Commission approve, including the Company's proposed (i) Subscriber Tariff (Schedule SSP-S); (ii) Subscriber Organization Tariff (Schedule SSP-SO); (iii) Subscriber Organization Coordination Agreement; and (iv) Subscriber Organization Registration Agreement.

According to the Petition, the Company largely followed the methodology approved by the Commission for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Case No. PUR-2020-00125. The Company states that in that proceeding the Commission found that the minimum bill should include certain fixed and volumetric costs. APCo states that the Company includes as fixed costs the Customer Charge and the Administrative Charge. APCo proposes that the existing Customer Charge apply from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service. The Company explains that it set the Administrative Charge to $1.00, as it is currently in the process of determining the necessary work to reprogram its customer information and billing systems to accommodate the shared solar program.

APCo states that the Company includes as proposed volumetric costs: (1) Statutorily Non-Bypassable Generation Charges; (2) Base Distribution Charges; (3) Distribution RAC Charges; (4) Base Transmission Charges; and (5) Transmission RAC charges. APCo explains that the Company did not propose Base Transmission Charges, as those charges are not included in the Company's tariffs.

APCo asserts that its proposed minimum bill also includes five Non-Bypassable charges, which are statutorily mandated: Rider Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP); Rider Broadband Capacity (BC) Rate Adjustment Clause (RAC); Rider RPS Compliance A.5; Rider PCAP Capacity A.5; and Rider Renewables Capacity A.5. Additionally, APCO explains that its proposed minimum bill includes base distribution charges from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service, including the Rider Energy Efficiency RAC and the Company's Transmission RAC for transmission charges.

The Company states that prior to the consideration of benefits, the Company's proposed gross minimum bill equals $89.25 for a customer who uses 1,000 kWh of grid electricity per month and subscribes for the same amount.

The Company asserts that it calculated benefits consistent with how the benefits of utility-scale, distribution-interconnected solar facilities have been presented to and approved by the Commission in the past. The Company proposes to include credits for shifted PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") zonal transmission costs, avoided load-based ancillary service costs, and Renewable Energy Certificates ("REC") generated by the shared solar facilities, which would be used to comply with the Company's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard obligations under the Virginia Clean Economy Act. APCo proposes that the REC credit on the minimum bill be the renewable energy premium charge in Optional Rider W W.S. for each applicable subscriber's schedule.

For the proposed shifted transmission and ancillary services credit on the minimum bill, the Company proposes to use the avoided cost rates for transmission and ancillary services that it calculated and proposed in the Company's ongoing net metering case, Case No. PUR-2024-00161. To calculate the proposed transmission benefit, the Company states that it compared the average hourly monthly load profile of a typical residential customer with the average hourly generation profile of a representative solar array. The Company explains that it divided the average avoided transmission credit component, which is based on the Annual Network Integration Transmission Rates for the AEP Transmission Zone, by the total net excess generation to produce the proposed credit rate. The Company states that it based its proposed ancillary service cost component rate on its actual 2023 PJM Ancillary Services charges.

In sum, the Company states that it determined the total proposed shared solar benefits to be $40.59 per 1,000 kWh. The resultant minimum bill (net of benefits) the Company proposes in the Petition is thus $48.66 per 1,000 kWh. According to the Petition, the proposed $48.66 minimum bill minimizes cost shifts to non-participating customers by appropriately compensating shared solar subscribers for the benefits provided by shared solar facilities while ensuring those subscribers contribute their fair share towards the Company's cost of providing retail electric service.

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CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

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J.P. Crawford of the Seattle Mariners hits a single in the 10th inning against the Cincinnati Reds at Great American Ball Park on Thursday.

Mariners use late heroics to rally for wild 10-inning win over Reds

ADAM JUDE
The Seattle Times

CINCINNATI – Cal Raleigh and Randy Arozarena hit back-to-back home runs in the top of the ninth inning to tie the score, and the Mariners scored four runs in the 10th inning en route to a seesaw 11-7 victory over the Cincinnati Reds to win their first road series of the season Thursday afternoon.

Raleigh, incredibly, has hit six home runs in six games, giving him eight home runs (one shy of the MLB lead) in the Mariners' first 19 games. Five of those homers have come with his new torpedo bat.

Two pitches later, Arozarena tied the score at 7-7 when he turned on an inside cutter from Reds reliever Emilio Pagán – the one-time Mariner – and sent it on a line at 108.2 mph out to left field for his fourth homer of the season.

J.P. Crawford, on an 0-2 pitch, drove in automatic runner Dylan Moore from third base to give the Mariners the lead in the top of the 10th.

Arozarena doubled on a two-out, 3-2 pitch with the bases loaded to drive in two more runs in the 10th, and an Elly De La Cruz error added one more run for the Mariners.

The Mariners led 5-3 going into bottom of the eighth inning, but ex-Mariner Jake Fraley belted a go-ahead grand slam against Mariners reliever Eduard Bazardo to give the Reds a 7-5 lead going into the ninth.

Bazardo, pitching with the lead in the eighth inning for the first time, struggled to command his fastball. He walked two batters and allowed three hits. He got ahead of Fraley 0-1 with a slider but then left a fastball over the heart of the plate – and Fraley hit a 107.1-mph blast out to right field.

With the Mariners clinging to a 4-3 lead in the seventh inning, manager Dan Wilson had turned to Trent Thornton with the bases loaded and two outs. Thornton struck out De La Cruz looking at a fastball down the middle for the final out, stranding all three runners.

Thornton had also struck out De La Cruz late in the Mariners' victory Wednesday night.

Instead of going back to Thornton in the eighth inning Thursday, however, Wilson opted to turn to Bazardo.

After a shaky first inning, Emerson Hancock retired 10 of the last 11 batters he faced, getting through the Reds lineup twice through five innings in his second start of the season.

He allowed a two-run home run to Austin Hays in the first inning, but nothing after that in what might have been the most important start of his young career.

The 25-year-old Hancock scattered five hits with no walks and four strikeouts.

Luke Raley's two-run homer in the fourth inning for the Mariners tied the score at 2-2.

MLB

Slumping Braves look to boost offense by recalling Verdugo

ATLANTA (AP) – The Atlanta Braves, looking to boost their struggling offense, recalled outfielder Alex Verdugo and optioned outfielder Bryan De La Cruz to Triple-A Gwinnett on Thursday.

The Braves (5-13) are in last place in the NL East and rank 26th in the majors with 61 runs scored. They open a home series against Minnesota on Friday.

Verdugo, who signed a $1.5 million, one-year contract on March 20, opened the season in the minors because he had not participated in spring training.

The 28-year-old Verdugo hit .233 with 13 homers and 61 RBIs for the New York Yankees in 2024 following four seasons with Boston. He had an $8.7 million base salary last season and earned $50,000 in performance bonuses for plate appearances.

The left-handed hitting Verdugo, who has a career batting average of .272 and is a strong defender, could have a regular role even after 2023 NL MVP Ronald Acuña Jr. returns from surgery to repair his torn left ACL.

Acuña tore his left ACL on May 26 and had surgery on June 6, ending his 2024 season. He was evaluated in Los Angeles last week and could return in May.

De La Cruz hit .191 with no homers in 47 at-bats.

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CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

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According to the Petition, the Company largely followed the methodology approved by the Commission for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Case No. PUR-2020-00125. The Company states that in that proceeding, the Commission found that the minimum bill should include certain fixed and volumetric costs. APCo states that the Company includes as fixed costs the Customer Charge and the Administrative Charge. APCo proposes that the existing Customer Charge apply from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service. The Company explains that it set the Administrative Charge to $1.00, as it is currently in the process of determining the necessary work to reprogram its customer information and billing systems to accommodate the shared solar program.

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Mariah Evans, Executive Director of the Twin County Community Foundation, a local organization that has awarded more than $3.3 million in grants and scholarships since its inception.

Celebrating 13 years of impact: TCCF honors grantees, announces FY26 Grant Cycle

GALAX — The Twin County Community Foundation (TCCF) is proud to celebrate 13 years of service and impact across Carroll County, Grayson County, and the City of Galax. Since its inception, TCCF has awarded more than $3.3 million in grants and scholarships, working alongside local partners to strengthen the region through initiatives that support health, education, and social well-being.

In celebration of this milestone, TCCF recently hosted its annual Grantee Showcase, bringing together nonprofit organizations, community leaders, and supporters to highlight the transformative work happening across the Twin Counties. This fiscal year, TCCF funded 22 different projects, each contributing to positive change in our community. The event allowed attendees to hear directly from the grant recipients about their projects, offering a unique opportunity to learn how TCCF funding is helping drive measurable impact.

- Bland Ministry Center — Partnership with Oblen R. Wilson Dental Clinic
- Blue Ridge Discovery Center — Residential Outdoor Education Program
- Carroll Wellness Center — Preventing Illness & Preserving Wellness
- Chestnut Creek School of the Arts — Art4Life/Art4Exer, Lathes & Safety Equipment
- Children's Advocacy Center — Twin Counties Child Advocacy
- City of Galax — Equipment for Expanded Services at the Rex Theatre
- Dugspur Community Center — Bench/Picnic Table for Walking Trail
- Elisha's House — Warming Shelter
- First United Methodist Church Galax — Kid Junction
- First United Methodist Church Hillsville — Emergency Clothes for Kids
- Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline — First Aid, CPR, AED Certifications
- God's Storehouse — Food Security
- Grayson County Summer Stage– Youth Theatre Program
- Grayson Landcare, LLC — Food Independence — Local Food for Local Folks
- Mount Rogers Health District — Injury Prevention Initiative
- Oblen R. Wilson Health Center — Dental Hygiene for Health Initiative
- SWVA Crossroads Coalition for Orphan and Foster Care — CarePortal/SHP — Twin County
- Town of Hillsville — Community Kitchen Training Facility
- Tri-Area Community Health — Cana Clinic
- Twin County Chamber Foundation, Inc. — Imagination Library of the Twin Counties
- Willing Partners, Inc. — New Walk-In Freezer

The Showcase also highlighted TCCF's ongoing scholarship partnership with Wytheville Community College, which provides eligible local students with tuition-free access to higher education.

"Our Grantee Showcase is more than a celebration—it's a reflection of our shared commitment to uplifting our communities," said Mariah Evans, Executive Director of TCCF. "We're honored to support the incredible work happening every day across the Twin Counties and to help create opportunities where they're needed most. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and Board of Directors."

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Blood drives planned

Marsh Regional Blood Center will conduct public blood drives at the following locations, as evening days:

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- Monday, April 28, Ridgeview High School – Clintwood, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 1, Food City – Wise, 12-6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 8, Food City – Big Stone Gap, 12-6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 13, Lonesome Pine Hospital – Big Stone Gap, 12-6 p.m.
- Friday, May 16, Ridgecrest Nursing Home – Duffield, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20, Norton Community Hospital – Norton, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Twelfth Night, or What You Will

Coming to ACAC: A comedy about mistaken identity and more

Appalachia Cultural Arts Center is pleased to announce the spring production of William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, or What You Will, abridged and directed by Lisa Hamilton Dante.

Twelfth Night is a rollicking comedy about mistaken identity, the nature of love, and surprise endings. Set in the fictional kingdom of Illyria, twins Viola and Sebastian are separated in a shipwreck. Believing each other to have drowned, they navigate tricky relationships leading to hilarious misunderstandings. Clintwood native Pamela and Jamie Counts and their talents to the show.

Twelfth Night, or What You Will will be performed at ACAC Mar. 24th at 7:00 pm, Mar. 25th at 7:00 pm, May 31st at 7:00 pm, and June 1st at 3:00 pm. Tickets must be purchased at the door or in advance via ACAC's page on Facebook, beginning 4-26-25.

Virginia health officials confirm first 2025 measles case in the state

RICHMOND, VA. – The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is reporting the state's first measles case of the year. The patient is a child (0-4 years) in the Southwest Region who recently traveled internationally. To protect the family's privacy, VDH will not provide any additional information about the patient. Health officials are coordinating efforts to identify anyone who might have been exposed.

"This first case of measles in Virginia this year is a reminder of how easily this highly contagious disease can spread, particularly with international travel," said VDH State Epidemiologist Laura Fortuna, D.O., M.P.H. "Vaccination remains our best defense against measles and is safe and highly effective at protecting people and preventing outbreaks. We urge Virginians, especially those planning to travel, to check their vaccination status, talk to their health care provider, and get the MMR vaccine if needed."

If you have never received a measles-containing vaccine (either the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine or a measles-only vaccine which is available in other countries) you may be at risk of developing measles.

Anyone who might have been exposed and is concerned to be at risk of developing measles should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

Watch for symptoms for 21 days after the date of your potential exposure. If you notice symptoms of measles immediately, isolate yourself by staying home. Contact your healthcare provider right away. If you need to seek healthcare, call ahead before going to your healthcare provider's office or the emergency room to notify them that you may have been exposed to measles and ask them to call the local health department. This call will help protect other patients and staff.

Anyone with an immunosuppressing condition should consult with their healthcare provider if they have questions or develop symptoms. If you have received two doses of a measles-containing vaccine, or were born before 1957 you are protected and do not need to take any action.

If you have received only one dose of a measles-containing vaccine, you are very likely to be protected and your risk of being infected with measles from any of these exposures is very low. However, to achieve the highest level of protection, contact your healthcare provider about getting a second vaccine dose.

Measles is a highly contagious illness that can spread easily through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. Measles symptoms usually appear in two stages. In the first stage, most people have a fever of greater than 101 degrees, runny nose, watery red eyes and a cough. These symptoms usually start seven to fourteen days after being exposed. The second stage starts three to five days after symptoms start, when a rash begins to appear on the face and spreads to the rest of the body. People with measles are contagious from four days before the rash appears through four days after the rash appeared.

Measles is preventable through a safe and effective MMR vaccine. Two doses of the vaccine are given to provide lifetime protection. Virginia has high measles vaccination rates with approximately 95% of kindergarteners fully vaccinated against measles. However, infants who are too young to be vaccinated, and others who are not vaccinated, are very susceptible to infection if they are exposed to measles. Infants six months through 11 months of age who will be traveling internationally, or in an outbreak setting, should receive one dose of MMR vaccine prior to travel. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have questions about the MMR vaccine.

To check your immunization status, call your healthcare provider or request your vaccination records using the VDH Immunization Record Request Form. Virginia residents with additional questions about their personal exposure can email epi response@vdh.virginia.gov or contact your local health department.

For more information about measles, visit www.vdh.virginia.gov/measles.

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CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

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The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically by the Commission at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025. On or before May 27, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission (a) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcast/hpf, or (b) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcast/pw.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff ("Staff").

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Budget

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assessments on does started to roll in.

The budget includes no increase to taxes on lodging, meals and personal property, meaning Charlottesville residents will be paying the same rates they have since the start of the current fiscal year until at least June 30 of next year.

An increase in the assessed value of residential and commercial properties earlier this year will more than compensate for it.

Thereby expects to bring in roughly $117 million in revenue from real estate taxes in the next fiscal year, which is $8.6 million more than the previous year. The Charlottesville Assessor's Office reported an 8.81% increase in residential property values and 6.14% in commercial this year. Residential property values, alone, in the city have increased nearly 42% in the past five years.

Although there is no increase in the personal property tax — the tax levied on vehicles owned by individuals and businesses — the city still expects a 12% increase in revenues for the next fiscal year.

The city took note of declining revenue trends when it comes to meals, lodging and sales taxes, which it estimates will generate $1.8 million less in revenues in the coming year. A summary of the budget says that revenue collections for lodging — which is a tax paid by consumers when booking a room in hotels or other short-term rentals — "underperformed" in the current fiscal year, despite of a rate increase of 1%. The budget summary says that, excluding the COVID-19 pandemic, "the city has not experienced underperformance since 2008 for sales tax revenue and 2009 for lodging tax revenue."

Most of the city's expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year will be allocated to compensation to city employees — which includes salaries and benefits — as well as Charlottesville City Schools, transportation and affordable housing.

In the coming fiscal year, the city will invest $12.7 million toward affordable housing projects — top of mind for many in the second-most expensive real estate market in all of Virginia. This includes $1.5 million to the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund and $1.1 million to provide homeownership assistance to qualified city residents.

The budget also includes $1 million for Charlottesville's Salvation Army that will be spread over four fiscal years starting in 2027. The four $250,000 payments will help convert the religious nonprofit organization's thrift store at 604 Cherry Ave. into a permanent low- to mid-barrier overnight shelter.

Homelessness has been on the rise in Charlottesville, as it has been across the country. Between 2018 and 2023, the number of people in Charlottesville who fell into homelessness grew by 25%, according to the Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless. The coalition's executive director, Shayla Washington, recently reported 234 people in the immediate Charlottesville area have registered themselves as "homeless" with her organization.

The Haven day shelter downtown does not offer overnight accommodations. The People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry, or PACEM, nonprofit group only offers beds during the colder months of the year; and the Salvation Army's 58-bed high-barrier shelter on Ridge Street regularly has to turn people away.

For years, the public has pushed back on the construction of a low-barrier homeless shelter. But in the past few years, the tide has turned — especially after a homeless encampment was erected at Market Street Park in late 2023.

When Sanders presented the idea of helping the Salvation Army fund a new shelter to Council late last year, he said a solution to homelessness in Charlottesville is well within reach.

"This is doable," Sanders said. "I want us to stop getting in our own way and to start solving our problems that have been staring in our face."

In total, the city is allocating $53 million to various affordable housing projects over the next five years.

Other notable items in the budget passed Tuesday include a $5 million increase in funding for Charlottesville City Schools, for a total of $79 million; $5.4 million in new sidewalk construction to accommodate an increase in volume in bicycle and pedestrian traffic in the city; and a $2.4 million increase in projected revenue contributed by Albemarle County, part of a revenue-sharing agreement that prohibits the city from annexing any of the county's land.

The city has also added 11 new positions at a cost of roughly $1.1 million, including a new assistant director of communications and a Freedom of Information Act and public records officer to help manage the volume of requests that are received at the Charlottesville Police Department. The new positions were offset by six vacancies, which accounted for roughly $650,000 of the $1.1 million sum.

The city continues to operate with a hefty — and so far, untouched — coffer of $22.4 million in surplus money left over from the 2024 fiscal year.

Sanders on Tuesday said he continues to track the ongoing uncertainty in financial support provided by the federal government in light of a tumultuous first three months in President Donald Trump's second term in office. The White House has terminated hundreds of millions of dollars in grants and other financial assistance to institutions that the administration claims do not comply with its directives, including recently cutting $2.2 billion in federal funding to Harvard University.

Sanders noted that a number of nonprofit organizations in Charlottesville have suffered losses as a result of rescinded federal grants. For now, the city of Charlottesville has avoided a direct fiscal hit, but that is certain to change, he said.

"It's not a matter of if, it is actually a matter of when," Sanders said.

Sanders told councilors Tuesday that within the next two regular meetings, he will present a preliminary plan on how to use the city's surplus money. Council will consider the plan and will have the final say.

"The goal would be that we will continue to take our time to see the impacts of what's happening in D.C. Because there is a lot that's unknown," he said. "But before we get too far down the road, we need to really make sure that we give it enough time to be ready to respond to what may come."

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The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically by the Commission at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025. On or before May 27, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcastsignup, or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcastsignup.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff ("Staff").

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to the proceeding.

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Softball ends season with SAC split at Mars Hill

MARS HILL – The UVA Wise softball team ended the 2025 season on a winning note as they came from behind in the second game for the win and the season season South Atlantic Conference series split with Mars Hill Saturday afternoon.

The win ends the season for the Cavs, who finished with a 21-26 record, which is their best record since their final season in the Mountain East Conference in 2019. They also had the second-most home wins in program history with 18, second only to 2017's 19 wins. It was also the season ender for Mars Hill as well.

The end of game two marked the final game for seniors Jillian Jones, Sophie Keesee, Emma McCauley, Mallory McKnight, Abagail Mills, Madison Milne, and Alivia Nolley. All seven made an indelible mark on the program during their time in Wise and will be sorely missed by the Cavalier faithful.

INSIDE THE MATCHUP

Result Game One: Mars Hill 9, UVA Wise 1 – 6 innings
Result Game Two: UVA Wise 8, Mars Hill 7
Records: UVA Wise (21-26, 7-17 SAC), Mars Hill (22-22, 12-12 SAC)
Location: Mars Hill, NC / Pomder Field

GAME ONE

- Lindsey Polan got things going in game one as she hit a RBI single that brought in Taylor Clay. The Lions would answer back in the bottom of the inning with a two run home run by Farley Park.
- The Lions would expand the lead with two runs in the third, three more off of a home run in the fourth, and two more in the sixth to take the 9-1 lead and the game.
- Polan, Adyson Gibson, and Mallory McKnight led the Cavs as each went 1-3 for the game, with Polan also adding in a RBI.

GAME TWO

- Another game, another single by Polan scoring Clay in the top of the first.
- Mars Hill answered back with a five run fourth inning that featured a RBI double, a sacrifice fly, and a pair of RBI singles.
- McKnight would cut the lead two one as she blasted a triple with bases loaded to cut the lead to 5-4. Later in the inning, Savannah Johnson blasted a two run homer over the center field fence to give the Cavs the 6-5 lead.
- As in the first game, Park hit a home run in the bottom of the fourth that tied the game up at 6-6.
- The tie was short-lived as Madison Milne scored the final run of her career when she crossed the plate in the fifth inning. Mars Hill would tie it up again in the bottom of the inning once again via a Lion home run.
- After both teams stranded a runner in the sixth inning, the Cavs regained the lead as Clay scored again from second via a double by Baylegh Allison down the left field line.

GETTING WISE

- For the series, Clay went .667 (4-6) with four runs and a double. Madison Milne hit .500 in her final two games as she went 1-2 with two runs, and Mallory McKnight ended her career hitting 7-16 with a double and three RBI.
- With the split, the series vs. the Lions since UVA Wise joined the NCAA in 2013 is now 11-7 in favor of the Cavs. UVA Wise then held Mars Hill to one base runner as Olivia Shockley ended the game with the strikeout of Park, sealing the win for the Cavs.
- Clay led the Cavs as she was 4-5 with three runs, while Johnson was 2-5 with a run and two RBI.
- Alivia Nolley got the start in her final game before ceding the way to freshman Olivia Shockley in the third inning, with Shockley picking up the win and allowing two runs off of three hits with three strikeouts.

UP NEXT

Like James Bond and Marvel Cinematic Universe characters, UVA Wise softball will return....

UVA Wise Sports Media Department

Track teams close out regular season at App State Open

BOONE, NC – The UVA Wise track & field teams delivered a strong showing at the App State Open, hosted by Appalachian State University, breaking eight school records and collecting 17 top-10 finishes in their final regular season meet of the year.

On the women's side, Haley Faulkner sprinted to a school record in the 200 meters, clocking 26.24 seconds (+0.4), while also anchoring the 4x100 meter relay team that shattered the program record with a time of 48.93 seconds, alongside Madison Sutherland, Destiny Ansley, Cameron, and Madison Outland. Alexus Porter added a record of her own in the 10,000 meters with a time of 40:24.15, and Braelynn Stroth reset the 100-meter hurdles mark with a 16.45 (+1.7) finish.

In the field events, Nia Rogers claimed first place in the shot put and broke the school record with a throw of 12.48m (40-11.25). On the men's side, Jonah Adams established a new school record in the 800 meters (2:01.20), and Bobby Cline doubled up with program-best marks in the discus (37.66m) and hammer throw (47.92m).

The Cavaliers also produced several strong top-10 performances. Caleb Yeary placed third in the 100 meters (10.77, +1.3), Madison Sutherland earned sixth in the 100 meters, and Braelynn Stroth recorded top-five finishes in both hurdles and high jump, along with a ninth-place triple jump. Zach Owens and Bobby Cline each earned top-five finishes in the javelin, while freshman Mady Buchanan impressed with a second-place throw in the same event.

The App State Open marks the conclusion of UVA Wise's regular season. The Cavaliers will now prepare for the South Atlantic Conference Championships, which will take place April 31–May 1 in Hickory, NC.

School Records
Haley Faulkner: 200m (26.24, +0.4)

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PETITION OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY PROPOSING A MINIMUM BILL, TARIFFS, AND AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-594.4
CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly. Among other things, these Acts of Assembly amend the Code of Virginia ("Code") by adding a section numbered 56-594.4, effective July 1, 2024. Code § 56-594.4 which is applicable to Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company"), requires the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to establish by regulation a shared solar program that complies with the provisions of subsections B, C, D, and E by January 1, 2025, and shall require each utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for implementation of the program by July 1, 2025.

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Pursuant to Code § 56-594.4.D, the Commission must establish a minimum bill for APCo, which shall

> include the costs of all utility infrastructure and services used to provide electric service and administrative costs of the shared solar program. The Commission may modify the minimum bill over time. In establishing the minimum bill, the Commission shall (i) consider further costs the Commission deems relevant to ensure subscribing customers pay a fair share of the costs of providing electric services, (ii) minimize the costs shifted to customers not in a shared solar program, and (iii) calculate the benefits of shared solar to the electric grid and to the Commonwealth and deduct such benefits from other costs.

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OBITUARIES

Strickler, Gloria Lester

Gloria Ann Lester Strickler, 86 of Fincastle, passed away Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Family was Gloria's hobby, as well as being involved in the work of Mill Creek Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her former husband, Gene Allan Strickler; her parents, Hubert James Lester and Edna Clay Baker Lester; sisters, Jean Pendry and Frances Baird.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Stanley E. and Lara Lee Marshall Strickler, and grandson, Alex Strickler; daughter, Laura Strickler and fiancé, Bryan Shorter, and grandsons, Logan and Evan Poff; sister, Joyce Howard; brother, Gary and Gail Lester.

Gloria's funeral service was held Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 2 p.m. in Mill Creek Baptist Church

with Pastor Danny Quion officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. The family received friends in the church sanctuary from 1-2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Mill Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, 11475 Lee Highway, Fincastle, VA 24090. Online condolences may be made at www.botetourtfuneralhome.com or 540-254-3000.

CHURCH NEWS

Terrific Tuesdays Dinner April 29

Everyone is welcome to the free Terrific Tuesdays Church and Community Dinner at Fincastle United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, located at 137 S. Church Street, on Tuesday, April 29. Dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m.

Buchanan Food Pantry open Saturday

The Buchanan Presbyterian Church Food Pantry will be open this Saturday, April 26, from 9 until 11 a.m. The Food Pantry is located in front of the church at 19559 Main Street, Buchanan. Volunteers from Buchanan Baptist Church will help distribute food this week.

The Food Pantry distributes food on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Volunteers are welcome to help. Anyone wishing to donate non perishable food can call 540-254-1390. Or to make a monetary donation, mail a check to P.O. Box 517, Buchanan, 24066 and note it for the Food Pantry.

FUMC BBQ at the VFW May 3

Mark your calendars now for Fincastle United Methodist's Annual Church BBQ on Saturday, May 3 at the VFW on Route 220. You may dine in or take out between 4-7p.m. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the church during business hours of Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Or call 540-473-2437 and leave a message for your call to be returned. Some tickets will be available at the door.

Cloverdale Thrift Store spring sale

Spring has arrived at the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren Thrift Store with a wide selection of new items and brand-name shirts for $1. Donations are greatly appreciated. The store is open Saturdays, 9 to 12.

Churches holding golf tournament

Springwood Baptist Church and Wheatland Lutheran Church are holding their second annual Feeding Friends Golf Tournament on May 3 at Botetourt Swim & Golf Club. The proceeds from the tournament support both food pantries and the Garden of Grace at Wheatland Lutheran.

For more information, contact Ken Mowles, 540-529-0967, or by email at kenmowles224@icloud.com, or Steve Barger, 540-589-6340, sbarger@ctrtedge@gmail.com.

Eagle Rock Clothes Closet dates

The Eagle Rock Community Clothes Closet at Eagle Rock United Methodist Church, 14565 Church Street, will be open Saturdays, May 3 and 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and Wednesday, May 7, from 5 to 6 p.m.

Available are men's, women's, and children's clothing as well as shoes and some toys at no charge. Bags are provided and patrons are asked to honor the bag limit so as many people as possible can be served. To make donations or volunteer to help with this mission, contact Pastor Ray Sandifer at 540-525-0258.

National Day of Prayer observance in Eagle Rock

Thursday, May 1 is National Day of Prayer. A group is meeting at the Eagle Rock Library at 12 noon to pray for the nation and the world. After the meeting, attend a Dutch treat lunch at Inn and Ore in Eagle Rock.

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CHILD WELFARE

Report highlights gaps in child welfare system

DAVE RESS
Richmond Times-Dispatch

When things get so bad that Virginia social workers think about taking children from their homes, they often make the decisions in arbitrary ways with little planning or thought, a blistering report from a state watchdog says.

The annual report from the state Office of the Children's Ombudsman echoes concerns that advocates and families have raised for years about the decisions that staffers make in chronically understaffed and overworked local departments of social services.

They and the watchdog say such decisions:

- can be more about the convenience of social service department staff than a child's needs;
- do not take account of earlier problems that put a child at risk;
- result from personality conflicts with parents;
- are based on hasty judgment calls about parents;
- and can reflect unsubstantiated worries about children's safety.

Virginians aging out of foster care a most vulnerable group

Poor planning

The report — which does not specify localities or name individuals involved — says departments of social services take action without much planning.

It cites instances in which foster parents reported sending children to school in the morning and then got a call from a social worker telling them not to pick the children back up at the end of the day.

In some cases, children are not given an opportunity to retrieve their personal belongings from the foster family, the report said.

The unresponsiveness of staffers at social services departments to parents' and relatives' phone calls and emails has delayed services and family visits, the report said.

It says that has slowed progress toward finding a permanent place for the child, either back with family or in a stable foster care situation. Bouncing from placement to placement is a common complaint of young people who have aged out of the system when they turn 18.

When children need to be away from home because of their behavioral health challenges, social services at times treats those parents in the same way it treats parents in abuse and neglect cases, the report says.

That can limit visits, which can be critical to help a child begin to feel more stable, while leaving parents out of decisions about medical and psychiatric treatment.

In some cases, the parents' rights were terminated because treatment had not reached a point where the child could return home within deadlines set by foster care law and regulation.

Systemic challenges

"The report does speak to challenges in the system," said Rebecca Morgan, president of the Virginia League of Social Services Executives and director of social services in Middlesex County.

"But it is about a small number of cases," she said.

The ombudsman's office assessed 252 complaints because they involved child protective services or foster care and adoption, most were resolved by consulting with the local department or by offering help to a parent. A total of 28 cases were not and sparked investigations.

In 2024, there were 5,156 children in foster care. In 2023, the latest year for which statewide data are available, there were nearly 52,500 children involved in child abuse or neglect cases, many of which are resolved without removing a child from home.

EVA RUSSO, TIMES-DISPATCH

Director Eric Reynolds kicks off the official launch of the Office of the Children's Ombudsman on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at the Patrick Henry Building in Richmond. The office works to improve Virginia's foster care system, facilitate complaints and advocate for changes to the child welfare system.

The cases are complicated and involve some of the worst moments in any child or parent's life. There's a tight timeline - 22 months, set by federal law - to try to find a permanent place, though often enough those placements don't last.

"It's a tough job," Morgan said.

There are far fewer social workers than localities need to cope with the cases that land in local departments of social services. Proposed funding to expand staff has not made it into recent budgets, while budget talks in Washington threaten the federal support that foster care programs rely upon, she said.

Turnover is high, said Allison Gilbreath, senior director of policy and programs at Voices for Virginia's Children. Among the reasons: the size of caseloads often exceeds best practices, and timelines don't necessarily reflect the time that research has shown children and parents with behavioral health or substance abuse need to get to a more stable place, she said.

Gilbreath

"I don't think it's not caring," Gilbreath said.

"I've seen when maybe there's a substance abuse or mental health issue, where the science is that it takes time, but the court dates come up first," she said. "Social workers know it should take time, when they don't see it, they get frustrated and quit."

"We're talking about people who are paid less than if they worked at Hobby Lobby and work a lot longer at a harder job," she said.

Troubling cases

The cases are troubling - and the problems they highlight are nothing new, Gilbreath said.

In one case the ombudsman's report outlined, a child had four near fatal overdoses over a six-month period. The ombudsman found the local department had not responded to multiple complaints of abuse and neglect and ignored medical and mental health clinicians' worries about the child's safety if discharged from treatment to the parents. The department was already involved with the family because of signs of another child's drug or alcohol exposure at birth.

In one case, the ombudsman found a local department had not followed up when hospital staff reported a newborn showing signs of opioid withdrawal. The social services department did not ensure that the relative who took the baby home from the hospital was following an agreed-upon plan to supervise the mother when she and her baby were together. The mother had admitted to using cocaine while pregnant.

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Sports world mourns soccer-loving Pope Francis

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ROME — Four top-flight soccer matches in Italy were postponed after the death of Pope Francis on Monday and the Buenos Aires club that the Argentine pontiff supported throughout his life mourned its most famous fan.

The wider soccer and sports world also paid homage after Francis passed away at 88.

All sports events scheduled for Easter Monday in Italy were postponed, including including four Serie A games: Torino-Udinese; Cagliari-Fiorentina; Genoa-Lazio, and Parma-Juventus. The four games will now be played on Wednesday, the Italian league announced.

A minute of silence will be observed before all sports events later in the week, the Italian Olympic Committee added.

FIFA president Gianni Infantino said he was "deeply saddened" over the pope's death.

"I was privileged enough to spend some time with him on a couple of occasions, and he always shared his enthusiasm for football and stressed the important role our sport plays in society," Infantino said on Instagram. "All the prayers of the whole football world are with him."

Tennis great Rafael Nadal expressed his "sincere condolences" for Francis in a post on X in Spanish.

Francis' passion for soccer became known almost immediately after he was elected pope in 2013 when the Argentine club San Lorenzo tweeted a photo of him holding up the team's crest. He was even a card-carrying member of the club, with San Lorenzo ID No. 88,235

San Lorenzo is nicknamed "the Saints."

"He was always one of us," San Lorenzo said in an Instagram tribute, remembering how Francis watched its 1946 championship team as a young boy.

San Lorenzo performed well after Francis was elected as the 266th pope in March 2013. The team won a national title in 2013 and then claimed the South American Copa Libertadores for the first time a year later.

Club officials traveled twice to the Vatican carrying trophies to thank Francis for his support. A planned new San Lorenzo stadium is to be named for Francis.

In Italy, there were also suggestions that Francis supported Juventus since his family came from the Piedmont region where the Turin club is based. Francis' father, Mario Bergoglio, was a basketball player. Francis met his fellow Argentine Diego Maradona twice as pope. There was a special audience in connection with a charity soccer match in 2014 when Maradona presented the pontiff with a soccer jersey, emblazoned with the name "Francisco" — Spanish for Francis — and Maradona's No. 10.

"I think we all now realize he's a saint," Maradona said after another meeting in 2015. "I'm Francis' top fan."

When Maradona died in 2020, Francis remembered the soccer great in his prayers.

Record 15-time European soccer champion Real Madrid also mourned Francis in a message on Instagram:

"Real Madrid would like to express its condolences to the entire Catholic community on the loss of a historic and universal figure," Real Madrid said in a statement. "During his pontificate, characterised [sic] by the scale of his immense legacy, Pope Francis has represented an enormous spirit of solidarity and support for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable people."

During a meeting with the Argentina and Italy national teams shortly after he was elected, Francis noted the influence of athletes, especially on youth, and told the players to remember that, "for better or worse" they are role models. "Dear players, you are very popular. People follow you, and not just on the field but also off it," he said. "That's a social responsibility."

Francis often hailed sports as a way to promote solidarity and inclusion, especially for young people.

During a global conference on faith and sport in 2016, Francis implored leaders to do a better job of keeping corruption off the playing field and said sports must be protected from manipulations and commercial abuse.

"Francis was a special pope, able to illuminate in his time like only the greatest can," Gianluigi Buffon, the former captain of Italy's national soccer team who met the pope on multiple occasions, said on Instagram. "He showed us the way with great courage and moved our souls. I will carry his example forever in my heart."

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Pope Francis twirls a soccer ball he was presented by a member of the Circus of Cuba, during his weekly general audience in the Pope Paul VI hall, at the Vatican, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019.

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John Schneider pays a visit to St. Paul on April 13

By SHAWN STREET
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One of the most beloved sons from the fictional Hazzard County made a surprise visit to St. Paul last week.

John Schneider, the actor best known for his portrayal of Bo Duke on The Dukes of Hazzard, was traveling from North Carolina to an event in Hazard, Kentucky on April 13 when he and his wife Dee Dee decided to make a stop for lunch.

Schneider was so impressed with the town that he recorded the stop on his social media, writing, "St. Paul rocks!"

He also posted a quick video showing off the town's scenery.

"Made a stop on the way back from Charlotte, North Carolina in this wonderful town, St. Paul," he said. "And had lunch at Puerto Nuevo. And I gotta tell you, we ate the food too quickly to be able to take a picture. It was fantastic!"

Schneider added "So if you are in this area, you gotta stop by. It's a beautiful, beautiful town and the food is wonderful."

Throughout the early 1980s Schneider starred as Bo Duke on The Dukes of Hazzard. Later in his career, he played Jonathan Kent on Smallville and James Cryer on The Haves and the Have Nots.

Schneider has also released nine studio albums as a country music singer.

He also dabbles in dirt track racing. In 2021 he brought his open wheel modified to the region, competing at Volunteer Speedway in Bulls Gap, Tennessee. Unfortunately he crashed his General Lee lookalike and was credited with a 11th place finish.

Submitted screenshot
John Schneider recorded a portion of his visit to St. Paul on April 13, 2025.

ACLU sues Defense Department over banning books

By OLIVIA DIAZ
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Report for America

The American Civil Liberties Union has sued the Department of Defense's school system for children of military families, asserting that the removal of race- and gender-related books and curricula violated students' First Amendment protections against government censorship.

The suit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in northeast Virginia said the Department of Defense Education Activity issued educational materials in line with an executive order issued by President Donald Trump in January.

Trump's order forbids the school system from "promoting, advancing, or otherwise inculcating ... un-American, divisive, discriminatory, radical, extremist, and irrational theories" connected to race and gender.

Books ranging from Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Khaled Hosseini's "The Kite Runner" to "Hillbilly Elegy" by Vice President JD Vance have since been stripped from some schools' library shelves, according to the ACLU.

Authorities within the school system also purged curricular materials such as a chapter on sexuality and gender for an Advanced Placement psychology course, and readings about immigration for fourth- and fifth-grade classes, according to the suit.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of 12 students from six families who attend schools in Virginia, Kentucky, Italy and Japan.

"I have three daughters, and they, like all children, deserve access to books that both mirror their own life experiences and that act as windows that expose them to greater diversity," Natalie Tolley, a plaintiff on behalf of her three children, said in a statement published by the ACLU of Virginia.

Outside of changes to the department's prekindergarten through 12th grade educational programs, there have also been shifts at military colleges and universities. Roughly 380 books were removed from the U.S. Naval Academy's library in April.

Officials have also been told to assess the stacks at Army and Air Force libraries to find books related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

A spokesperson with the Defense Department's school system said the situation does not comment on ongoing litigation.

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President Donald Trump shakes hands with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth at the Commander-in-Chief trophy presentation to the Navy Midshipmen football team in the East Room of the White House, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in Washington.

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Microporous CEO: Project on track

'We intend on being here for a long time,' Moore-Sparks says of Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill

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Special to the Danville Register & Bee

DANVILLE — A panel discussed the arrival of Microporous as an anchor tenant at the Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill at the the annual meeting of the Danville Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday morning.

The event convened over breakfast at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research.

Approximately 440 chamber members attended to hear the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the future as a major economic development project unfolds, according to Anne Moore-Sparks, the organization's president and CEO.

After a review of the past year and look ahead to this year, state and local economic development leaders were invited to come on stage to join a panel and discuss the first tenant at the Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill in southwestern Pittsylvania County.

The project was unveiled in November by Gov. Glenn Youngkin and was the largest such announcement in the region's history. The company plans on investing $1 billion and creating 2,000-plus jobs.

Headquartered in Piney Flats, Tennessee, Microporous develops, manufactures and markets rechargeable batteries for customers in 25 countries, according to its website. Another manufacturing plant is located in Feistritz, Austria.

Brian Bradner, a senior vice-president with Dewberry, asked questions about the yearlong project of panel members Doug Rich, president of Microporous; Jason El Koubi, president and CEO of Virginia Economic Development Partnership; Molly Olson, senior manager with the partnership; Corrie Bobe, Danville's economic tourism and tourism director; and Matthew Rowe, Pittsylvania County's economic director.

El Koubi spoke on the importance of the site development at the industrial site.

"When we set big goals for Virginia, every region of Virginia participating wins, and every person has access to the benefits of growth," he said. "If you don't have the site ready for the project, you are going to lose at the first conversation."

Bobe spoke about the process of getting the megasite to the point it is today.

"When people ask how long you have, you have to smile," she said. "It's not measured in years."

She then related, mostly year by year since 2009, what happened to prepare the site for Microporous.

Rowe, speaking of the necessary site certifications, called the site "very unique" because of the size.

'Tremendous win'

The huge 1,528-acre megasite at Berry Hill is the largest on the East Coast. It is owned by the Regional Industrial Facility Authority, a joint venture by the city of Danville and Pittsylvania County.

"It is a tremendous win, and the future is pretty bright out there," he said.

Olson said that the journey to the present point took partnerships.

"We worked in lockstep with local partnerships. We needed to showcase that ... Southern Virginia had close to the dream site. We had utilities, water, sewer and a road already developed, plus a workforce."

She added the competitive incentive package was the "cherry on top."

Rich spoke about the long-term vision for Microporous, including its involvement in the community.

"We already have a community advocacy group funded for $500,000 a year for activities for the community," he said. "We intend on being here for a long time. We want to be an upstanding member of the community and already have an event planned."

Besides other incentives, grants and rebates worth millions to the company, both local and state, the company earned an official designation in January as a $100 million awardee under the United States Department of Energy's Advanced Energy Manufacturing and Recycling Grant Program.

Later in the month, however, after President Donald Trump took office, the administration paused distributing those funds.

Rich says those funds are still up in the air, but it doesn't matter.

"We're moving ahead," he said. "There is no change at all."

Company needs

Bobe said that from the community standpoint, the company has three needs: housing, day care and transportation.

"Our initial focus will be on daycare, and we have also put together a plan for a two-phased approach to transportation," she said.

At the conclusion of the panel discussion, Rowe said, pointing to the people on the stage, "This is a battle-tested team, and I would put this team, plus the community, up against any in the country."

Moore-Sparks called the annual meeting "a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when business, community, and government leaders work together.

"Celebrating our 2024 milestones, welcoming Microporous to the Southern Virginia Megasite, and looking ahead to new opportunities, we are charting a bold course for regional growth. The Chamber is proud to be a catalyst for progress as we build a stronger, more competitive Southern Virginia."

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PHOTO BY JUSTIN FAULCONER, NELSON COUNTY TIMES

The building at 37 Tanbark Plaza in Lovingston will be torn down to make way for a new estimated $8.2 million facility to house the Nelson County Department of Social Services.

Nelson County nears construction for new social services building

JUSTIN FAULCONER
Nelson County Times

The process is moving along for a new building to house the Nelson County Department Social of Services.

Jeff Stodghill, president of PMA Architecture, recently addressed the Nelson County Board of Supervisors on the project. Stodghill said drawings are complete for the new building and the hope was to request authorization at the board's April 8 meeting to send the project to bid.

Stodghill said PMA Architecture as of the April 8 meeting still was awaiting comments from the Virginia Department of Transportation and the previous day had only gotten remarks back from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

"We need to get through those comments to make sure nothing else is required," Stodghill told the board.

Stodghill said he feels confident talking to the civil engineer he doesn't anticipate any major changes to come back. VDOT asked for a sidewalk from the site of the new social services building, the former El Mariachi restaurant at 37 Tanbark Place in Lovingston, to connect with Main Street that is being worked out, according to Stodghill.

The company also expected comments about the site plan review from the county the week of the April 8 meeting, Stodghill said. Next month the company will request authorizing the bids for the project, he said.

"We're getting very close to being able to go out and move into pricing and get this project under construction," Stodghill said.

He also went over the project components and budget estimates from Oct. 8 compared to April 4. The project estimate went from $8.4 million in October to $8.2 million, a decrease of $193,622 between the two price estimates, according to figures presented to the board on April 8.

The contingency for the project went from about $514,574 in October to roughly $908,705 on the most recent cost tally, the figures show.

"Bottom line, we're still within the budget," Stodghill said.

Stodghill said he expects the project to generate interest from Class A contractors.

"It's a publicly advertised bid open to anybody," he told the board. "If you know anybody out there, I would encourage them to look for this bid."

County Administrator Candy McGarry said part of the bid package is the county asking for qualification statements, references and listing previous completed projects.

Supervisor Jesse Rutherford said it would be nice for the county to "diversify" in bringing in more bids beyond a few who normally do so.

"The project is big enough to get good interest," Stodghill said.

El Mariachi relocated to Front Street next to where the social services department's current offices are located. The building at 37 Tanbark Plaza is set to be demolished at a cost of just more than $170,000, the April 4 project budget estimate shows.

The board previously considered a site on Callohill Drive in Lovingston for the new building, but decided the Tanbark Plaza location is the better fit.

Board chair Ernie Reed said he likes the contingency funding boost and the sidewalk planned for Main Street.

"It sounds like a good addition," Reed said.

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VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

Route 151 & Route 6
Nelson County
Roundabout Project
Design Public Hearing

Thursday, **May 22, 2025, 4** – 6 p.m.
Rockfish Valley Community Center
190 Rockfish School Lane,
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Find out about the proposed roundabout for the intersection of Route 151 and Route 6 in Nelson County. This proposed project is part of an overall vision of a Route 151 corridor that maximizes safety, while preserving the rural character and high quality of life.

The project website will include the same information, materials and presentations available at the public meeting. The project website is https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/lynchburg-district/route-151-and-6-roundabout-nelson-county/

Review the proposed project plans at the public hearing or at VDOT's Lynchburg District Office located at 4219 Campbell Avenue in Lynchburg. Please call ahead to ensure the availability of personnel to answer your questions.

Property impact information, relocation assistance policies and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above address and will be available at the public hearing.

Give your written or oral comments at the meeting or submit them online from the survey on VDOT's website at the address listed above by 4:15 PM EST of the meeting or mailed due to inclement weather to Amanda Cox, P.E., Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4219 Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501-4501. You may also email your comments to Amanda.Cox@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 151 and 6 Roundabout" in the subject line.

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Item Number: 6151-062-856 P101, R201, C501
Federal Project: STP-062-3(918)UPC: 123196
In the event an interpreter aide is needed, the meeting will be held in Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the same time and location

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PETITION OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY PROPOSING A MINIMUM BILL, TARIFFS, AND AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-594.4 CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly. Among other things, these Acts of Assembly amend the Code of Virginia ("Code") by adding a section numbered 56-594.4, effective July 1, 2024. Code § 56-594.4, which is applicable to Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company"), requires the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to "establish by regulation a shared solar program that complies with the provisions of subsections B, C, D, and E by January 1, 2025, and shall require each utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for implementation of the program by July 1, 2025."

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Two international alumni have visas revoked under Trump admin crackdown

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The (Charlottesville) Daily Progress

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CHARLOTTESVILLE — Two international University of Virginia alumni have had their visas revoked. That's in addition to a currently enrolled UVa student whose visa revocation was announced earlier this month.

The trio join more than two dozen international students and recent graduates of Virginia colleges who have lost their legal right to live and study in the U.S. amid the Trump administration's crackdown on immigration, which has so far targeted more than 1,000 students nationwide.

UVa disclosed the two alumni had their visas revoked on Wednesday on a university webpage providing updates on recent federal actions.

The university has not shared the identities or nationalities of the two alumni, nor did it offer an explanation as to why immigration officials targeted them.

"We do not know the reason behind any of the visa cancellations that have affected one currently enrolled University of Virginia student and two alumni," university spokeswoman Bethanie Glover told The Daily Progress in an email.

The Wednesday announcement was not issued publicly the way UVa announced the visa revocation of the currently enrolled student.

On April 4, the UVa Global office issued a "Message to UVA's International Community" announcing that an international student had been stripped of their visa. The announcement did not mention the two alumni, even though UVa said Wednesday it knew of all three visa revocations on or before April 4.

Asked to clarify, Glover said that it was simply part of a communications strategy.

"Our original messaging on April 4 was intended to communicate the impact on currently enrolled students to the on-Grounds international community," she said. "Alumni were recently added to provide a more complete picture of the impact of the visa cancellations on UVA."

Since the April 4 announcement, UVa has not offered any further details regarding the status of the student or alumni, including whether or not they remain on U.S. soil. Faculty members that have spoken with The Daily Progress have said they too are being "kept in the dark."

The two alumni who lost their visas were involved in "Optional Practical Training," a program of the F-1 student visa which allows international students to be employed in their field of study either before or after obtaining their degrees.

While neither federal nor university officials have said why the UVa student and alumni were targeted, international students have become an increasingly easy target for a Trump administration eager to ramp up deportations. More than 1,000 students at 160 U.S. colleges have been stripped of their visas since President Donald Trump took office, according to The Associated Press. The White House has said it is targeting those who "espouse hateful ideology" and revoking student visas of all "Hamas sympathizers" on college campuses.

Mahmoud Khalil, a Syrian-born Palestinian activist who was a Columbia University graduate student until December of last year, was the first to be thrust into the national spotlight after Trump officials accused him of engaging in "activities aligned to Hamas," a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization responsible for the Oct. 7, 2023, attack that claimed the lives of 1,200 people in Israel and the subsequent war that has killed more than 50,000 people in the Palestinian territory of Gaza, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

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"How would a potential amendment to the 2045 Comprehensive Plan in this case affect any updates that are drawn up on land out in the Montgomery Matters update to the Comprehensive Plan, asked Supervisor Anthony Gratsky.

Hopkins explained that if the property meets with the criteria to be included in the expansion of the village, then it is viable for development.

"We do have owners that had conservation easements in several of our villages and that's why some of these village boundaries look a little weird is because they said 'we're in a conservation easement. We don't want to be in a village, we're never going to develop. So, we drew the boundary around those properties."

"If we were to grant the amendment ... could you through the evaluation process of the updated comprehensive plan be like, no, this shouldn't be," Gratsky asked.

"No, we wouldn't do that," Hopkins said.

In order to further develop on the open space, the property owner(s) would have to complete the process again, receiving approval of a policy change in the comprehensive plan and going through the rezoning process.

Supervisor April DeMotts opened the citizen comments section of the meeting for the public hearing on the property, resulting in a mixed response from the public.

Sandra Wilson of Elliston, living across from the Eastern Montgomery High School, said, "My concern is flooding because my house has been flooded twice ... once in '99 and once in 2000."

"You know I understand this is a very emotional and complex issue for a lot of people and I respect that; however, I believe my opinion is grounded in fact and the long-term view of our community's future," Allen Childress of Shawsville, said. "This project has the potential to meaningfully address housing needs in our part of the county."

"Locals know that anywhere what's to be developed, it would be this property," Zach Malton, a graduate of Eastern Montgomery High School, said. "It has great proximity to our schools, available utilities, and probably most importantly the owners do not live here." Malton went on to say that this year marks his 20-year anniversary of graduating from Eastern Montgomery High School and the graduating class has not grown in size and the school is not able to fully utilize the space in the school losing the availability of some courses as a result.

Speaking in opposition to the comprehensive plan amendment, Kimberly Horner said, "Please, please do not 'Blacksburg' Elliston."

"I've lived in Blacksburg since 1980, and it's a college town. I get it, but talk to anyone who lives in Loudon County, talk to anybody who lives in Chester, Pennsylvania, it's not better," she said. "And these houses that are going to be built are not going to be occupied by people who are homeless. Nobody who is homeless can get a mortgage. Nobody that lives in Elliston now and doesn't own a home is going to be able to get a mortgage."

"The home that we live in was built in 1760," Paige Williams of Allegheny Springs Road in Shawsville said in opposition to the housing development. "It has stood in this valley for over 260 years, and my husband and I see ourselves as stewards of the history and of the land and the legacy that surround it. We love people. We want people in our community, but that type of growth transforms a place, and it would increase our population by 50%. It would singlehandedly change the culture and the composition of an entire community."

Susan Mofatt, a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, who grew up in Shawsville, also spoke in opposition to development of the property.

"You're going into a poor community. You're putting in these homes that they will never be able to buy. ... I think it's sick," she said. "I think it's disgusting. I think it's gross. It's being built on a plantation; a place where there was human suffering and misery that we will never know."

"There could be enslaved persons' remains from those enslaved people; they will could be very well buried on that property," she added.

According to Hopkins' presentation, a proposed mixed-use concept could be implemented for the property creating a "community center, coffee shop, residential use for soccer coaches/staff, and soccer practice facility."

The 20±15 yard sized or soccer training area would be for light recreational use and be a location for clinics, camps, and leagues, but not for regular soccer games. A second floor would provide space for coach use. The coffee shop would be open to the public and is planned to be staffed by soccer club members as a means to raise funds for leagues, Brea said.

Some short term or rental property would also be a part of the complex. A parking area that would allow for approximately 55 parking spaces, including ADA spaces, is also part of the design.

"VDOT took no exception to the approval of the rezoning," Hopkins said. "The site is currently served by public water and sewer and is not within a FEMA flood zone."

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raise taxes to support their schools directly. In Radford as in all other Virginia localities, the school budget falls within the overall city budget—indeed, it is often a city's largest expense. Given the tone and tenor of the April 14 meeting that included the presentation of the Radford City Public Schools (RCPS) budget, it would do us all well to remember that RCPS as well as our city council are comprised of our friends and neighbors. During that session, Council rightfully admonished that all bonnum attacks on individual council members would not be tolerated. I would respectfully suggest that moving forward council follows its own advice regarding the preservation of civil discourse, and pivot from the defensive tone and tenor demonstrated throughout the meeting to being open to questions, receptive to alternative ideas, and humble in responding to citizens.

Beyond tone, the substance of some of the council's questions raised concerns as well. Many of the questions posed to the RCPS superintendent suggested a complete lack of knowledge on the part of the council regarding the different funds and lines of revenue that comprise a school system budget, never mind how these funds can—and, importantly, cannot—be spent. Council seemed unclear regarding its two largest responsibilities: the LCI and the LRM.

By Virginia state policy, local municipalities must have skin in the game when it comes to school funding. The Commonwealth produces a "Composite Index of Local Ability-to-Pay" for each budget cycle. This Local Composite Index (LCI) is calculated using three indicators of a locality's ability to pay: (1) true value of real property (weighted 50 percent), (2) adjusted gross income (weighted 40 percent), and taxable retail sales (weighted 10 percent). Each locality's index is adjusted to maintain an overall statewide local share of 45 percent and an overall state share of 55 percent.

Through this calculation of the LCI, the state affords the City of Radford significant grace in the amount of funding it must contribute. For this budget cycle, the city's LCI has fallen to a mere 16.6 percent, down from approximately 23 percent in the last state budget cycle. As a point of comparison, Montgomery County's LCI is the highest regionally at approximately 40 percent, the City of Salem's is 36 percent, Roanoke County's is 36 percent, Roanoke City's is 34 percent, and neighboring Pulaski County's is 33 percent. This figure is yet another indicator of Radford's poor financial health and high ranking for fiscal stress. ***To put it bluntly, this means Radford as another community deemed so economically needy that tax dollars from across the Commonwealth will cover 84 percent of the school system's budget.***

Beyond the 16.6 percent required of the city, there is an additional expectation of municipal funding through the Commonwealth's calculation of the Locality Required March (LRM). In Virginia, communities are required to provide a local match in order to access certain state funding, particularly for programs like the Standards of Quality (SOQ) and other incentive programs. The specific amount required varies, but typically localities must contribute a portion of the total cost, with the state covering the remainder. Radford's City Council initially balked at contributing to the LRM, jeopardizing such things like additional special education and tutoring programs, the city's preschool initiative, and other resources for the most vulnerable students within RCPS. Make no mistake—those students will still be members of the RCPS community, but RCPS would no longer have all the necessary resources at its disposal to actually educate them if the city refused to fund the LRM.

There is much to celebrate when it comes to RCPS. RCPS has demonstrated significant financial prudence as well as creative problem-solving to help mitigate the effects of being a relatively poor school system, under the leadership of two different superintendents. Notably, RCPS's overall student population now stands north of 5,000, thanks not only to out of district tuition students paying to attend RCPS, but also the large contingent of virtual students from across the state. RCPS has increased the number of seats available to high-achieving students in math and the sciences at the Southwest Virginia Governor's School and is in talks with Radford University to establish parallel programming for the region's students focused on the arts and humanities. The high school's move to block scheduling affords RCPS the opportunity to increase both career and technical education offerings as well as upper division AP and/or dual enrollment courses. Last, though its own fiscal prudence, RCPS amassed a reserve of approximately $900,000, meaning it has a "rainy day" fund for certain categories of possible expenses. Rather than hold onto that money, however, RCPS instead relinquished it to the city to help balance the FY2026 budget. City council needs to start seeing RCPS as an incredible resource for and potential driver of economic development.

But you can only take blood from a stone so many times. It does not matter that some of the students currently have students who attend city schools; the economic development case for investing in RCPS alone should warrant their attention and support. We need council to work with the school board to move from a model of minimally funding the city's schools to one of investment: in a city where nearly half of all properties (e.g., government/social service buildings, Radford University properties, and churches) are not on the tax roll, the recruitment of tax paying residents must be the centerpiece of economic development, with the schools themselves the focal point of such efforts. While we passed a budget for this year, headlines about Radford's financial crisis—and its minimal support of its crumbling schools—are likely a red flag to potential home buyers during the current spring real estate season.

Moving forward, council members need to get comfortable with and comme to being more actively curious. Curious about budget projections. Curious about quarterly reports regarding actual collected revenue versus targets. Curious about the minutia, not just the big picture, of city financing, including state policy around school funding. Curious about the disconnect between their view of the school system and the broader community's view of the school system, with an eye toward reframing their understanding of RCPS. RCPS can and should be cultivated as the heart of future economic development initiatives in this small college town. City Council needs to start to see RCPS as worthy of protection in hard times and increased investment as finances improve.

Finally, each member of city council must commit to being curious enough to ask tough questions and to hold themselves to a higher standard of accountability. No more surprises. Radford citizens deserve no less.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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According to the Petition, the Company largely followed the methodology approved by the Commission for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Case No. PUR-2020-00125. The Company states that in that proceeding, the Commission found that the minimum bill should include certain fixed and volumetric costs. APCo states that the Company includes as fixed costs the Customer Charge and the Administrative Charge. APCo proposes that the existing Customer Charge apply from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service. The Company explains that it set the Administrative Charge to $1.00, as it is currently in the process of determining the necessary work to reprogram its customer information and billing systems to accommodate the shared solar program.

APCo states that the Company includes as proposed volumetric costs: (1) Statutorily Non-Bypassable General on Charges, (2) Base Distribution Charges, (3) Distribution RAC Charges; (4) Base Transmission Charges, and (5) Transmission RAC charges. APCo explains that the Company did not propose Base Transmission Charges, as those charges are not included in the Company's tariffs.

APCo asserts that its proposed minimum bill also includes five Non-Bypassable charges, which are statutorily mandated: Rider Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP); Rider Broadband Capacity (BC) Rate Adjustment Clause (RAC); Rider RPS Compliance A.5, Rider PCAP Capacity A.5; and Rider Renewables Capacity A.6. Additionally APCO explains that its proposed minimum bill includes base distribution charges from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service, including the Rider Energy Efficiency RAC and the Company's Transmission RAC for transmission charges.

The Company states that prior to the consideration of benefits, the Company's proposed gross minimum bill equals $89.25 for a customer who uses 1,000 kWh of grid electricity per month and subscribes for the same amount.

The Company asserts that it calculated benefits consistent with how the benefits of utility-scale, distribution-interconnected solar facilities have been presented to and approved by the Commission in the past. The Company proposes to include credits for shifted PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") zonal transmission costs, avoided load-based ancillary service costs, and Renewable Energy Certificates ("REC") generated by the shared solar facilities, which would be used to comply with the Company's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard obligations under the Virginia Clean Economy Act. APCo proposes that the REC credit on the minimum bill be the renewable energy premium charge in Optional Rider W.W.S. for each applicable subscriber's schedule.

For the proposed shifted transmission and ancillary services credit on the minimum bill, the Company proposes to use the avoided cost rates for transmission and ancillary services that it calculated and proposed in the Company's ongoing net metering case Case No. PUR-2024-00161. To calculate the proposed transmission benefit, the Company states that it compared the average hourly monthly load profile of a typical residential customer with the average hourly generation profile of a representative solar array. The Company explains that it divided the average avoided transmission credit component, which is based on the Annual Network Integration Transmission Rates for the AEP Transmission Zone, by the total net excess generation to produce the proposed credit rate. The Company states that it based its proposed ancillary service cost component rate on its actual 2023 PJM Ancillary Services charges.

In sum, the Company states that it determined the total proposed shared solar benefits to be $49.59 per 1,000 kWh. The resultant minimum bill (net of benefits) the Company proposes in the Petition is thus $48.66 per 1,000 kWh. According to the Petition, the proposed $48.66 minimum bill minimizes cost shifts to non-participating customers by appropriately compensating shared solar subscribers for the benefits provided by shared solar facilities while ensuring those subscribers contribute their fair share towards the Company's cost of providing retail electric service.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents in full for additional details.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically by the Commission at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025. On or before May 27, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission, (i) by filing out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting/, or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting/.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff ("Staff").

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AMHERST COUNTY

Inmate charged after trying to smuggle drugs

Man admitted to bringing Suboxone into jail, news release said

Hudson

JUSTIN FAIR COMER
The (Lynchburg) News & Advance

LYNCHBURG — An inmate of the Amherst County Adult Detention Center is facing two felony charges after investigators uncovered a planned attempt to introduce illegal narcotics into the facility.

Jacob Hudson, 32, arrived at the jail in Madison Heights on Wednesday to begin serving a 1-year, 8-month sentence for possession of a Schedule I or II drug, according to a news release from the Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority. Based on intelligence obtained through monitored inmate communications, officers were prepared for the possibility Hudson might attempt to smuggle contraband, the release said.

"Upon arrival, Hudson was searched and placed into an occupied cell," the release said. "A short time later, while under camera surveillance, Hudson was observed attempting to retrieve an object from inside his body. A subsequent search of the cell resulted in the recovery of what appeared to be Suboxone strips."

Hudson was interviewed by investigators and admitted to smuggling Suboxone into the facility by concealing it internally to avoid detection, the release said.

"He states that the drugs were acquired prior to his incarceration," the release states. "It is believed that a portion of the drugs were intended for other inmates within the facility."

Hudson is charged with delivery of a Schedule III controlled substance to a correctional facility and possession with intent to distribute a Schedule III controlled substance, both Class 5 felonies.

"The incident demonstrates proactive intelligence gathering and coordinated efforts by facility staff and the Amherst County Sheriff's Office to maintain the safety and security of the institution," the release states. "The agency remains committed to identifying and preventing all attempts to introduce dangerous contraband into the jail system."

The investigation is ongoing, and additional individuals may be identified in connection with the case, according to jail officials. All evidence and intelligence gathered has been turned over to the Amherst County Sheriff's Office for further investigation.

Marion man killed in work incident on I-81

BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

BRISTOL — A Marion man was killed Monday during a work accident along Interstate 81.

James Nunley, Jr., 41, died at the scene after being struck by a dump truck.

Virginia State Police is investigating the incident that occurred April 14 at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Interstate 81 northbound at the 30-mile marker in Washington County, according to a written statement.

A 2010 Freightliner M2 dump truck was reversing on the right shoulder of the interstate when it ran over a pedestrian on the shoulder. Both the dump truck driver and the pedestrian were part of a work crew doing shoulder maintenance work.

The driver of the dump truck was not injured.

The crash remains under investigation.

BEDFORD

Family Day at D-Day Memorial set for April 26

THE (LYNCHBURG) NEWS & ADVANCE

BEDFORD — The National D-Day Memorial's Family Day, an annual event where children and adults together can get a glimpse of life at home and on the front lines during World War II, is set for April 26.

The free event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. features educational displays, demonstrations, living historians, children's activities, musical performances and special tours.

While at the memorial in Bedford, families can explore the Ridgway-Denning Walking Trail, where they'll learn about the role of natural resources during the war at education stations and from the memorial's trail mascot "Thunderbolt."

Event guests will have an opportunity to help save lives and support the memorial by giving blood at an on-site blood mobile. The Blood Connection, the nonprofit blood provider locally for Carilion Clinic, will donate $10 for each blood donation collected to the memorial.

As a thank you, each donor receives an E-gift card. The minimum age to donate blood is 16 with parental consent.

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According to the Petition, the Company largely followed the methodology approved by the Commission for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Case No. PUR-2020-00125. The Company states that in that proceeding, the Commission found that the minimum bill should include certain fixed and volumetric costs. APCo states that the Company includes as fixed costs the Customer Charge and the Administrative Charge. APCo proposes that the existing Customer Charge apply from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service. The Company explains that it set the Administrative Charge to $1.00, as it is currently in the process of determining the necessary work to reprogram its customer information and billing systems to accommodate the shared solar program.

APCo states that the Company includes as proposed volumetric costs: (1) Statutorily Non-Bypassable Generation Charges; (2) Base Distribution Charges; (3) Distribution RAC Charges; (4) Base Transmission Charges, and (5) Transmission RAC charges. APCo explains that the Company did not propose Base Transmission Charges, as those charges are not included in the Company's tariffs.

APCo asserts that its proposed minimum bill also includes five Non-Bypassable charges, which are statutorily mandated, Rider Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP); Rider Broadband Capacity (BC) Rate Adjustment Clause (RAC); Rider RPS Compliance A.5; Rider PCAP Capacity A.5; and Rider Renewables Capacity A.6. Additionally, APCO explains that its proposed minimum bill includes base distribution charges from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service, including the Rider Energy Efficiency RAC and the Company's Transmission RAC for transmission charges.

The Company states that prior to the consideration of benefits, the Company's proposed gross minimum bill equals $89.25 for a customer who uses 1,000 kWh of grid electricity per month and subscribes for the same amount.

The Company asserts that it calculated benefits consistent with how the benefits of utility-scale, distribution-interconnected solar facilities have been presented to and approved by the Commission in the past. The Company proposes to include credits for shifted PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") zonal transmission costs, avoided load-based ancillary service costs, and Renewable Energy Certificates ("REC") generated by the shared solar facilities, which would be used to comply with the Company's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard obligations under the Virginia Clean Economy Act. APCo proposes that the REC credit on the minimum bill be the renewable energy premium charge in Optional Rider W.W.S. for each applicable subscriber's schedule.

For the proposed shifted transmission and ancillary services credit on the minimum bill, the Company proposes to use the avoided cost rates for transmission and ancillary services that it calculated and proposed in the Company's ongoing net metering case, Case No. PUR-2024-00161. To calculate the proposed transmission benefit, the Company states that it compared the average hourly monthly load profile of a typical residential customer with the average hourly generation profile of a representative solar array. The Company explains that it divided the average avoided transmission credit component, which is based on the Annual Network Integration Transmission Rates for the AEP Transmission Zone, by the total net excess generation to produce the proposed credit rate. The Company states that it based its proposed ancillary service cost component rate on its actual 2023 PJM Ancillary Services charges.

In sum, the Company states that it determined the total proposed shared solar benefits to be $40.59 per 1,000 kWh. The resultant minimum bill (net of benefits) the Company proposes in the Petition is thus $48.66 per 1,000 kWh. According to the Petition, the proposed $48.66 minimum bill minimizes cost shifts to non-participating customers by appropriately compensating shared solar subscribers for the benefits provided by shared solar facilities while ensuring those subscribers contribute their fair share towards the Company's cost of providing retail electric service.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents in full for additional details.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically by the Commission at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025. On or before May 27, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filing out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcast.cng/; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting/.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On June 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff ("Staff").

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Andrew J. Flavin, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, 1001 Haxall Point, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or andy.flavin@troutman.com. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies of the Petition and the public versions of other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/.

On or before May 27, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/submit-public-comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028.

On or before May 1, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company, any other respondents and Staff electronically as described above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.* ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent, (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before May 12, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and exhibits electronically may file such by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be served electronically on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents simultaneous with their filing. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice.

The Company's Petition, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and the public versions of other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/.

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LINDA CAROLYN RIGGINS COX

Linda Carolyn Riggins Cox, age 80 of Pulaski, passed away Thursday, April 10, 2025 at the Sentara Hospital (Martinsville, VA). Born March 3, 1945 in Pulaski, she was the daughter of the late George & Daisy Duncan Riggins. She was also preceded in death by her sisters Joyce Brown and Brenda Bear.

Linda is survived by her:

Daughter – Pamela "Pam" Hoback (Steve Saunders) – Pulaski

Son – William "Joey" Hoback (Bryna Harvey) – Roanoke

Granddaughter – Bethany (Shaun) Lowery – Pulaski

Many nieces, great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at the Bower Funeral Home Chapel, Pulaski. Interment followed at the Oakwood Cemetery, Pulaski.

To sign Linda's online guest book, visit www.bowerfuneralhome.com

Bower Funeral Home & Crematory, Pulaski is handling the arrangements for the family.

BONNIE JEAN WILLIAMS

Bonnie Jean Williams, age 78 of Narrows, died Saturday evening, April 12, 2025 at Highland Ridge Rehabilitation Center, Dublin.

Arrangements are pending with Scaggly Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Pulaski. www.scaggleyfuneralhome.com 540 980 1700

Richardson

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Gracy Juanita (Craig) Richardson, daughter to Lou Pamela (Richard) Rice, along with nieces, nephews and cousins. Pete was dearly loved and cherished by his family and friends for his thoughtfulness, his generous nature, and his compassion. He practiced kindness and charity to others daily, a true Christian who "walked the walk."

A Celebration of Life service honoring Pete will take place at Memorial Baptist Church, located at 995 Peppers Ferry Rd Pulaski, Va on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00 am. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:30 am at the church sanctuary.

Interment with military honors will follow at Thornspring Methodist Church Cemetery.

Contributions in Pete's memory may be given to Memorial Baptist Church, 995 Peppers Ferry Rd, Pulaski, VA 24301.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.scaggleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Scaggly Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Pulaski, Va. 540 980-1700.

Claytor

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"Claytor Lake is open," said Steve Rapp, executive director of TOCL. "We're excited for folks to come out and support our businesses. Everyone's itching to get back on the water."

As the busy summer season approaches, Claytor Lake and its surrounding attractions are prepared to resume normal operations.

"Claytor Lake is the cornerstone of tourism in Pulaski County," said Erika Jolliff, tourism director for Pulaski County. "Thanks to the hard work of TOCL, USACE, and HEMC, we look forward to welcoming folks for another summer full of family fun."

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PETITION OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY PROPOSING A MINIMUM BILL, TARIFFS, AND AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-594.4

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly. Among other things, these Acts of Assembly amend the Code of Virginia ("Code") by adding a section numbered 56-594.4, effective July 1, 2024. Code § 56-594.4, which is applicable to Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company"), requires the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to establish by regulation a shared solar program that complies with the provisions of subsections B, C, D, and E by January 1, 2025, and shall require each utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for implementation of the program by July 1, 2025.[1]

On November 25, 2024, in Case No. PUR-2024-00122, the Commission entered an Order Adopting Regulations to implement the directives in Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765. On December 12, 2024, the Coalition for Community Solar Access filed a Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification. On December 13, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Granting Reconsideration that (1) clarified jurisdiction over the matters to be addressed in the Petition, and (2) suspended the Order Adopting Regulations pending the Commission's reconsideration. On February 10, 2025, the Commission issued an Order on Reconsideration in Case No. PUR-2024-00122 that unsuspends the Order Adopting Regulations, thus returning to the new shared solar rules effective February 11, 2025.

Pursuant to Code § 56-594.4 D, the Commission must establish a minimum bill for APCo, which shall:

> include the costs of all utility infrastructure and services used to provide electric service and administrative costs of the shared solar program. The Commission may modify the minimum bill over time. In establishing the minimum bill, the Commission shall consider further costs the Commission deems relevant to ensure subscribing customers pay a fair share of the costs of providing electric services, (b) minimize the costs shifted to customers not in a shared solar program, and (c) calculate the benefits of shared solar to the electric grid and to the Commonwealth and deduct such benefits from gross costs.

On February 10, 2025, the Commission entered an order in this proceeding that, among other things, directed APCo to file a minimum bill proposal on or before April 1, 2025. On April 1, 2025, APCo filed its petition proposing a minimum bill ("Petition") as directed by the Commission. In addition to a proposed minimum bill rate of $48.60 per 1,000 kWh, the Petition includes several tariff sheets, as that the Company requests the Commission approve, including the Company's proposed (i) Subscriber Tariff (Schedule SSP-S), (ii) Subscriber Organization Tariff (Schedule SSP-SO), (iii) Subscriber Organization Collaboration Agreement, and (iv) Subscriber Organization Registration Agreement.

According to the Petition, the Company largely followed the methodology approved by the Commission for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Case No. PUR-2020-00125. The Company states that in that proceeding, the Commission found that the minimum bill should include certain fixed and volumetric costs. APCo states that the Company includes as fixed costs the Customer Charge and the Administrative Charge. APCo proposes that the existing Customer Charge apply from the applicable tariff for the class in which a customer takes service. The Company explains that it set the Administrative Charge to $1.00 as it is currently in the process of determining the necessary work to reprogram its customer information and billing systems to accommodate the shared solar program.

APCo states that the Company includes as proposed volumetric costs: (1) Statutorily Non-Bypassable Generation Charges, (2) Base Distribution Charges, (3) Distribution RAC Charges, (4) Base Transmission Charges, and (5) Transmission RAC charges. APCo expects that the Company did not propose fixed transmission Charges as those charges are not included in the Company's tariffs.

APCo asserts that its proposed minimum bill also includes five Non-Bypassable charges, which are statutorily mandated: Rider Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP), Rider Renewable Capacity (RC), Rider Adjustment Clause (RAC), Rider RPS Compliance A-5, Rider PJM Capacity A-5, and Rider Battery Capacity A-6. Additionally, APCo explains that its proposed shared solar bill includes base distribution charges from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service, including the Rider Energy, Efficiency RAC and the Company's Transmission RAC for transmission charges.

The Company states that prior to the consultation of benefits, the Company's proposed gross minimum bill equals $80.25 for a customer who uses 1,000 kWh of grid electricity per month and subscribes for the same amount.

The Company asserts that it calculated benefits consistent with how the benefits of utility scale distribution-interconnected solar facilities have been presented to and approved by the Commission in the past. The Company proposes to include credits for shifted PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") zonal transmission costs, avoided load-based ancillary service costs, and Renewable Energy Certificates ("REC") generated by the shared solar facilities which would be used to comply with the Company's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard obligations under the Virginia Clean Economy Act. APCo proposes that the REC credit on the minimum bill be the renewable energy premium charge in Optional Rider W-VS for each applicable subscriber's schedule.

For the proposed shifted transmission and ancillary services credit on the minimum bill, the Company proposes to use the avoided costs rates for transmission and ancillary services that it calculated and proposed in the Company's pending net metering case (Case No. PUR-2024-00261). To calculate the proposed transmission benefit, the Company states that it compared the average hourly, monthly load profile of a typical residential customer with the average hourly generation profile of a representative solar array. The Company explains that it divided the average avoided transmission credit component, which is based on the Annual network integration Transmission Rates for the AEP-Transmission Zone, by the average annual kWh generation to produce the per kWh avoided credit rate. The Company states that it based its proposed ancillary service cost component rate on Rider AS and PJM Ancillary Services charges.

In sum, the Company states that it determined the total proposed shared solar benefits to be $40.50 per 1,000 kWh. The resultant minimum bill (net of benefits) the Company proposes in the Petition is $48.60 per 1,000 kWh. According to the Petition, the proposed $48.60 minimum bill minimizes cost shifts to non-participating customers by appropriately compensating shared solar subscribers for the benefits provided by shared solar facilities while ensuring these subscribers contribute their fair share towards the Company's costs of providing electric service.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents in the Docket for additional details.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCo's Petition. A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Company's Petition shall be convened telephonically, by the Commission at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025. On or before May 27, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission (i) by filing out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/case-information-webcasting, or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141 to register. The public witness hearing will be recorded at scc.virginia.gov/case-information-webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on June 9, 2025, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify, as provided above.

On June 9, 2025, at 10 a.m., or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Petition from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff ("Staff").

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and prefers electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the Company's Petition may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Andrew J. Fleet, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, 1001 Haxall Point, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or andy.fleet@troutman.com. Interested persons may also download and view copies of the Petition and the public versions of other documents filed in this case from the Commission's website, "Filings for Case" at scc.virginia.gov/case.

On or before May 27, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Petition by following the instructions found on the Commission's website, scc.virginia.gov/case, under "Submit Public Comments." Those unable as a practical matter to submit comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028.

On or before May 1, 2025, any person or entity desiring to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clerk/efiling. Those unable as a practical matter to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the name and addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company, any other respondents and Staff electronically as described above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq. ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth (i) a concise statement of the interest of the respondent, (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known, and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization or corporation or governmental body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30. Counsel of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00028. For a detailed distribution, please contact Staff as soon as it and any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

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The Company's Petition, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and the public versions of other documents filed in the case may be viewed at scc.virginia.gov/case.

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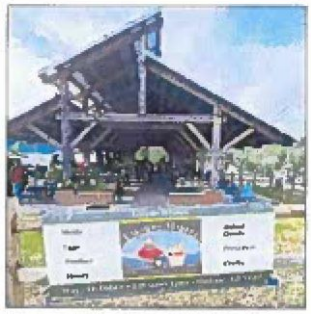

INDEPENDENCE FARMERS MARKET

Independence Farmers Market season opens May 2

BY STAFF

INDEPENDENCE — The Independence Farmers Market will return to Town Park for the grand opening of the 2025 season on May 2 from 9 a.m. 1 p.m.

The day will feature a full array of vendors and raffles for one of the new Independence Farmers Market T-shirts each hour (10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon). Raffle tickets will be available at the market booth.

IFM Kids Bucks will be available the entire season, thanks to an anonymous donation. The first 20 kids to the IFM manager's booth will receive $5 of Kids Bucks to purchase anything at the market.

This year, the market is hosting four vendors under age 18 this year. One of the market's goals is to encourage entrepreneurs of all ages.

The town continues to make upgrades to the park, including new seating and a playground.

In addition, the town and co-sponsors Grayson Landcare and the Permaculture Group will host a "weed and learn" workshop on May 15 from 5-7 p.m. You can learn about the planting of native plants around the retention pond and along U.S. 21, do some weeding and enjoy a potluck dinner. The town will provide the main course; attendees can bring a side or dessert to share.

The Independence Farmers Market is a partner of Grayson LandCare, a member of Virginia Farmers Markets Association and is on the Virginia is for Lovers Farmers Market trail.

The online and regular Friday farmers markets welcome SNAP and EBT and offer up to a $30 match for SNAP purchases to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. This grant funding is provided by the Gus Schumaker Nutrition Incentive network and is part of the Virginia Fresh Match program. In addition, the market welcomes WIC and Senior Farmers Market coupons.

For more information contact Michelle Pridgen, market manager, at independencefarmersmarket@gmail.com or 276-768-0507.

Funk retiring as assistant superintendent

BY STAFF

INDEPENDENCE — Among the personnel changes approved by the Grayson County School Board at their April 14 meeting was the retirement of Susie Funk, currently the assistant division superintendent.

Funk is retiring at the completion of this school year, which ends June 30.

The board also approved Jennifer Campbell as new assistant schools superintendent, effective July 1.

Other personnel action included:

APPOINTMENTS

- Avery Lindsey, school counselor, effective Aug. 1
- Barbara Walker, substitute nurse
- Randy Shinault, Fries field caretaker
- John Campbell, substitute teacher

COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

- Micah Brown, middle school softball assistant coach
- Alliyah Phipps, volunteer assistant middle school softball coach
- Samantha Jones, middle school track coach
- Daniel Reynar, JV/ assistant soccer coach
- Hailey Alderman, assistant soccer coach

RESIGNATIONS

- Alison Lewis, Kate Davis, Kelsie Wilson, teachers, effective June 30
- Coleen Charlton, secretary, effective June 30

TRANSFERS

- Anna Waller, Teacher, from Independence Elementary to Fries School
- Cheryl Funk, teacher, from Fries/Fairview schools to Independence Middle School
- Megan Adams, teacher, from Independence Elementary to Grayson Highlands
- Jennifer Marshall, school counselor, from Fries School to Fairview Elementary
- Danah Choate, teacher, from Fairview Elementary to Independence Elementary

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CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

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WHATS HAPPENING

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPRING NATURE WALK IS APRIL 26

New River Wildlife & Conservation Club will hold a spring nature walk and photo session on April 26 from 10 a.m. noon, starting at the club's parking lot at 7107 Riverside Drive in Fries, and continuing to vernal ponds/bogs and highland trails. Led by Virginia Master Naturalist Ashley DeCarme and professional photographer Kevin Combs. Bring a camera or phone; wear comfortable clothes and hiking boots/ shoes. RSVP to 276-237-2654 or NRWCC24330@gmail.com

FARM MUSEUM HOSTS LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Matthews Living History Farm Museum will host "A Walk in Their Boots" on April 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Military history timeline featuring re-enactors from time periods ranging from the Revolutionary War to the modern era, battle re-enactments, weapons demos, military vehicles and more. Free. White Pine Rd. in Galax. More info at matthewsfarmmuseum.org.

SOUND HEALING SESSION SET FOR APRIL 26

Blue Unicorn will offer a sound healing session on April 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. Learn how certain sounds can decrease stress, calm the mind and soothe the spirit. Session will feature crystal bowls, Tibetan chimes and bells. Facilitated by Dr. Kenneth Williams. Cost is $10. 152 N. Main St., Hillsville. Information blueunicornretreat@gmail.com, 276-235-1410.

CRUISE-IN, MUSIC IN FRIES

A cruise-in with music will be held April 26, 2-6 p.m., at the Jamie Hyatt Arena at Old Providence School, 56 Bainbridge Road in Fries.

WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

FARM MUSEUM OFFERS ACTIVITIES

Matthews Living History Farm Museum is a 21-acre working farm, circa 1900, offering activities demonstrating common practices in Grayson County around that time, along with live music and children's programs. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, closed Sunday-Monday, through Nov. 8. 476 White Pine Rd. in Galax. Information: matthewsfarm@gmail.com, 276-773-3080, matthewsfarmmuseum.org.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETS MONTHLY

American Legion Post #245 in Galax meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Galax Public Library, 610 E. Stuart Drive. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans who have served after Dec. 7, 1941. For information, contact Post Commander Bill Glover at wfham.glover4@hotmail.com or 276-233-8955.

GENEALOGY CLUB OPEN WEEKLY

The Carroll County Genealogy Club is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to use the library resources at the club, located on left side of the Historic Carroll County Courthouse in Hillsville. Membership is available ($30 for individuals; $35 for families) and includes four editions for the membership period of May 1-April 30. Volunteers are welcome. For information, call 276-266-8016, write to P.O. Box 395, Hillsville, VA 24343; email carroll.va.genealogy@gmail.com; or follow "Carroll Co Genealogy Club" on Facebook.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Twin County Regional Healthcare stroke survivor and caregiver support group meets the second Thursday of each month from 1-2 p.m. on the second floor of the CBF Medical Complex. Information: 276-236-1675.

ROSENWALD REVAMPED MEETS MONTHLY

Rosenwald Revamped, a group working to preserve and revitalize the old Rosenwald-Felts School building in Galax, meets every third Thursday of the month at the Galax Public Library at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the group's president, Sylvia Richardson, at 276-617-2976 or srichardson0918@icloud.com.

WRITERS GROUP MEETS AT LIBRARY

The Writers Group holds a free, informal gathering the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 2 p.m. at the Galax Public Library. Light-hearted, entertaining and nostalgic conversation, including some reading and scribbling. The group meets at the table near the fiction section. Information: 276-233-1657.

BINGO GAMES HELD WEEKLY

Independence VFW Post 7726 in Independence hosts Progressive Bingo Thursdays at 7 p.m., including progressive

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CHURCH CALENDAR

CHURCH HOLDING CRAFT SALE

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CHURCH CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

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Sen. Tammy Mulchi

This past weekend, we celebrated Easter. This means different things for different people. For some, it is a time for families to come together and enjoy fellowship around the table with a good meal. Children anticipate a visit from the Easter Bunny, who might leave baskets or buckets of goodies.

Easter typically falls during a beautiful time of year, a season of new life all around us. In Southside Virginia, that means green everything — including pollen! Flowers are beginning to bloom, grass is lush, trees are budding, and the days are getting warmer and longer. It is a time of new life everywhere you look.

For me, Easter is the most profound and emotional time of year. Each year, I read the biblical account of what Jesus endured on that Friday of his crucifixion. I know we call it Good Friday because it was good for our salvation, but there was nothing good in it for Jesus.

On Friday, Jesus was betrayed by one of his own disciples and was turned over by him to die a horrible death. He did all of this so that we could have eternal life — a gift for an unworthy society.

So on Easter Sunday, I do celebrate. I celebrate the Resurrection. I am thankful beyond measure for the brutal torture he took and the horrible death he endured for me.

Sometimes the guilt of how unworthy I am feels extremely heavy. And the fact that God sent His only son for each one of us, as a gift for us, not because we did anything to deserve it, but because He loves us through grace beyond our comprehension.

You may ask yourself, Why is a political figure writing a column about this? Doesn't she know about the separation of church and state?

The First Amendment says this: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Over the years, the courts have introduced the idea of a separation of church and state when it comes to politics and religion. However, this doesn't mean that any religious expression automatically violates that principle.

For example, every day we open the Senate with a prayer, and although those prayers may come from different denominations or even different religions, they are all respected.

For me, I cannot take my faith off and put it on like a coat. It is who I am. It is how I live my life and how I make decisions. It shapes my thinking and guides my actions. It is impossible for this political figure to be anything other than God's child.

Does this mean I won't disagree with those on the other side of the aisle? No. Does this mean I don't lose my temper? No!

Does this mean I don't make mistakes? No!

What I am not is vindictive. If I don't like one piece of legislation you introduce, it does not mean I will vote against every other bill you bring forward, as happened with me when others in the Senate didn't like my bill that would keep men and boys out of women's and girls' sports.

In addition to my political life, I also try to conduct my personal life and business life with integrity. When I see an injustice, I also see it as my duty to report it, especially now that I hold public office.

I am not perfect, but I am, before all other titles, a child of God.

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful Easter, and may God bless each and every one!

My staff and I are always here to assist you with any issues or concerns. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can be of service. You can reach us at 434.374.5129 or by email at senatormulchi@senate.virginia.gov.

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us make a perfect match.

In 2009, we established a fund to help senior dogs and cats who come into the shelter. Sometimes, they have medical issues that, if treated, would make them very desirable pets.

A couple of years later, we changed the name of the fund to the Fritz Childrey Fund for Older Friends, in memory of a dachshund who lived for a little over fourteen years. His owner, Mark Childrey, has been a tremendous friend of ours for several years. Mark loves dachshunds and adopted Fritz from a shelter when he was a puppy.

This fund has financed veterinary care for many older animals, pays for the adoption fee, and pays for the spay/neuter surgery. Adoption fees are waived for animals at least eight years old. Older dogs and cats are now in loving homes because of this fund. Donations, of course, are accepted to finance this fund.

It is a sad fact that we will outlive most of our pets. It is painful when they die because our grief goes as deep as our love. In spite of that, we still encourage potential adopters to look beyond the cute little puppies and kittens and search for a loving senior companion.

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Last year in VDOT's Lynchburg District alone, there were 56 crashes in highway work zones. Roughly 18% of them were caused or related to Distracted Driving. Statewide, there were 3,746 crashes, 15 fatalities, and 1,536 injuries.

That is far too many. We can do better. We must.

Respect The Zone So We All Get Home.

Chris Winstead, P.E.
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During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 715, 716, 763 and 765 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly. Among other things, these Acts of Assembly amend the Code of Virginia ("Code") by adding a section numbered 56-594.4, effective July 1, 2024. Code § 56-594.4, which is applicable to Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company"), requires the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to "establish by regulation a shared solar program that complies with the provisions of subsections B, C, D, and E by January 1, 2025, and shall require each utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for implementation of the program by July 1, 2025."

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Monroe County School Menus

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Breakfast Menu

April 23 – April 25 – Spring Break

April 28 – WG bagel with cream cheese, yogurt, juice, fruit, milk

April 29 – Egg omelet with colby cheese, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

April 30 – Biscuit, sausage patty, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch Menu

April 23 – April 25 – Spring Break

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April 30 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered corn, cherry tomatoes with ranch, wg breadstick, fruit sidekick, milk, birthday popcorn

Facts pet parents need to know about protecting pets from heartworms

(StatePoint) Heartworms are one of the most common and serious health threats faced by pets. According to the American Heartworm Society, more than a million U.S. pets are infected with heartworms, and incidence numbers are rising—even though heartworms are easily prevented. To equip pet parents to provide the protection their four-legged family members need this summer and year-round, the American Heartworm Society is sharing five vital facts about this deadly threat.

1. A single infected mosquito can spread heartworms to multiple pets. Heartworms aren't spread from one pet to another. Instead, they are transmitted when a mosquito feeds on an infected animal, such as a dog, coyote, fox or wolf, then later feeds on other susceptible animals and pets. Within months, heartworms grow from tiny larvae into foot-long adult worms that live in pets' hearts, lungs and blood vessels.

2. Heartworms are found throughout the United States. Warm, humid locales such as the Gulf States and Southeastern U.S. are widely known as hotbeds of heartworm infection, thanks to the presence of mosquitoes that thrive in these conditions. However, heartworms have become increasingly common in regions such as the Southwest, Pacific Northwest, Upper Midwest and New England. One factor supporting broader transmission is the practice of transporting homeless dogs for adoption from areas of the country where heartworms are extremely common to locales that formerly had few cases. Studies also suggest that mosquitoes prefer feeding on pets with heartworms over pets that don't harbor them. Finally, mosquitoes are opportunistic pests that require only small amounts of standing water—including puddles or half-full watering cans—to breed.

3. Heartworms aren't just going to the dogs. While dogs are highly susceptible to heartworm infection, cats and ferrets get heartworms, too. One thing all three species have in common is that they can become very ill, and even die, if infected with heartworms. That's why the American Heartworm Society recommends heartworm screening and year-round prevention for all pets.

4. There's no "season" for heartworms. While the risk of heartworm spread is greatest for pets from spring through fall, experts advise that pets be maintained on heartworm prevention year-round. Estimating when the first and last mosquito of the so-called season will appear is a dangerous guessing game, given the volatility of weather conditions in even the coldest parts of the country. Furthermore, buildings, parking lots and other structures in city and suburban communities can create sheltered "heat islands" with significantly warmer conditions than surrounding open areas. Mosquitoes also survive and thrive by relocating indoors or taking refuge in garages and crawl spaces when temperatures drop.

5. Prevention beats treatment every time. While heartworms in dogs can be treated, treatment can be expensive and requires multiple veterinary visits and months of activity restriction. Cats and ferrets, meanwhile, have no medications to cure their heartworms, because the treatment used in dogs is not safe for them. Fortunately, heartworms can be prevented with veterinary-prescribed medications that are safe, effective and affordable.

For more information on heartworm prevention and management, visit heartwormsociety.org.

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Sports

11 Golden Wave wrestlers make Class 1 all-state

Two from Richlands

Wyatt Bush

The Grundy Golden Wave won their 10th straight state title and VHSL record 25th overall this season. Eleven Grundy wrestled in the 14 championship matches.

All 11 were named to the Class 1 all-state team.

In Class 2, Richlands finished fifth in the team standings with Wyatt Spencer (144-pound class) and Trevor Dupree (285) winning their respective third-place matches. Both were also named to the all-state team.

Leading the way for Grundy was senior Wyatt Bush (215), who became a four-time individual state champion this season.

Bush became the program's sixth four-time state champion, joining Shane Bowman, Albert Childress, Jacob McNun, Gabe Fiser and Chris Stilner.

Grundy all-staters included Colton Clevinger (106), Bryce Looney (120), Talon Hall (132), Brady Coleman (138), Graham Pittman (144), Adrian Gordon (157), Carson Deel (165), Brady Ford (175), Talon Looney (190), Bush and Luke Shelton (285).

Hall, Gordon, Deel, Looney, Bush and Shelton won individual state titles.

Part-time workers are hired; coal road inspector to make $25/hr.

BUCHANAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: APRIL MEETING

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors this month set the hourly rate for Paul Lowe, part-time Coal Haul Road inspector manager, at $25 per hour effective Feb. 19, 2025.

☛ Ratified the following part-time employees:

Garden District: Kendall Charles

Knox District: Angela Urbanska, Miranda Adkins, Ashley Daughtery

Hurricane District: Randall Barton, Joshua Boyd, Matthew Street

Rocklick District: Charles Joseph

Prater District: Nathan O'Quinn

South Grundy District: Grover Vanover

North Grundy District: Alex Edwards

☛ Hired Corey Kindred as a part-time worker at the animal shelter.

☛ Tabled an appointment to the Southwest Virginia Community College (SWCC) Local Advisory Board, to replace Ricky Goodman's unexpired term ending June 30, 2026.

☛ Appointed a committee to review the RFP's (requests for proposals) regarding the multi-project contract for engineering services.

Named to the committee were board chairman Craig Stilner, county attorney Lee Moise, county administrator Craig Horn, and supervisors Roger Rife and Lee Dotson.

GRUNDY | BLIND CURVE AT BEND OF SLATE

Frustration was shared with Scanner/ood in an allegation that warning design / activities contributed to this crash last week near Grundy, on Slate Creek Road, at the Bend of Slate. "More of a reason why construction companies should have flaggers BEFORE blind curves!" said the post. "Now my husband's truck is totaled because of their negligence!"

Photos courtesy Scanner/ood

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE PETITION OF APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY PROPOSING A MINIMUM BILL, TARIFFS, AND AGREEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SHARED SOLAR PROGRAM PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 56-594.4
CASE NO. PUR-2025-00028

During its 2024 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 715, 716, 761 and 765 of the 2024 Virginia Acts of Assembly. Among other things, these Acts of Assembly amend the Code of Virginia ("Code") by adding a section numbered 56-594.4, effective July 1, 2024. Code § 56-594.4, which is applicable to Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or the "Company"), requires the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to "establish by regulation a shared solar program that complies with the provisions of subsections B, C, D, and E by January 1, 2025, and shall require each utility to file any tariffs, agreements, or forms necessary for implementation of the program by July 1, 2025."

On November 25, 2024, in Case No. PUR-2024-00122, the Commission entered an Order Adopting Regulations to implement the directives in Chapters 715, 716, 761 and 765. On December 12, 2024, the Coalition for Community Solar Access filed a Petition for Reconsideration and Clarification. On December 13, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Granting Reconsideration that (1) continued jurisdiction over this matter to consider the Petition, and (2) suspended the Order Adopting Regulations pending the Commission's reconsideration. On February 10, 2025, the Commission issued an Order on Reconsideration in Case No. PUR-2024-00122 that unsuspends the Order Adopting Regulations, thus finalizing the new shared solar rules, effective February 14, 2025.

Pursuant to Code § 56-594.4.D, the Commission must establish a minimum bill for APCo, which shall:

include the costs of all utility infrastructure and services used to provide electric service and administrative costs of the shared solar program. The Commission may modify the minimum bill over time. In establishing the minimum bill, the Commission shall (i) consider further costs the Commission deems relevant to ensure subscribing customers pay a fair share of the costs of providing electric services, (ii) minimize the costs shifted to customers not in a shared solar program, and (iii) calculate the benefits of shared solar to the electric grid and to the Commonwealth and deduct such benefits from other costs.

On February 10, 2025, the Commission entered an order in this proceeding that, among other things, directed APCo to file a minimum bill proposal on or before April 1, 2025. On April 1, 2025, APCo filed its petition proposing a minimum bill ("Petition") as directed by the Commission. In addition to a proposed minimum bill rate of $48.66 per 1,000 kWh, the Petition includes several tariff schedules that the Company requests the Commission approve, including the Company's proposed (i) Subscriber Tariff (Schedule SSP-S), (ii) Subscriber Organization Tariff (Schedule SSP-SO), (iii) Subscriber Organization Coordination Agreement, and (iv) Subscriber Organization Registration Agreement.

According to the Petition, the Company largely followed the methodology approved by the Commission for Virginia Electric and Power Company, in Case No. PUR-2020-00125. The Company states that in that proceeding, the Commission found that the minimum bill should include certain fixed and volumetric costs. APCo states that the Company includes as fixed costs the Customer Charge and the Administrative Charge. APCo proposes that the existing Customer Charge apply, from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service. The Company explains that it set the Administrative Charge to $4.00, as it is currently in the process of determining the necessary work to reprogram its customer information and billing systems to accommodate the shared solar program.

APCo states that the Company includes as proposed volumetric costs: (1) Statutorily Non-Bypassable Generation Charges, (2) Base Distribution Charges, (3) Distribution RAC Charges, (4) Base Transmission Charges, and (5) Transmission RAC charges. APCo explains that the Company did not propose Base Transmission Charges, as those charges are not included in the Company's tariffs.

APCo asserts that its proposed minimum bill also includes five Non-Bypassable charges, which are statutorily mandated: Rider Percentage of Income Payment Program (PIPP); Rider Broadband Capacity (BC); Rate Adjustment Clause (RAC); Rider RPS Compliance A.5, Rider PCAP Capacity A.5, and Rider Renewables Capacity A.6 (Additionally, APCO explains that its proposed minimum bill includes base distribution charges from the applicable tariff under which a customer takes service, including the Rider Energy Efficiency RAC and the Company's Transmission RAC for transmission charges.

The Company states that prior to the consideration of benefits, the Company's proposed gross minimum bill equals $89.25 for a customer who uses 1,000 kWh of grid electricity per month and subscribes for the same amount.

The Company asserts that it calculated benefits consistent with how the benefits of utility-scale, distribution- interconnected solar facilities have been presented to and approved by the Commission in the past. The Company proposes to include credits for shifted PJM Interconnection, LLC ("PJM") zonal transmission costs, avoided load-based ancillary service costs, and Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs") generated by the shared solar facilities, which would be used to comply with the Company's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard obligations under the Virginia Clean Economy Act. APCo proposes that the REC credit on the minimum bill be the renewable energy premium charge in Optional Rider W.W.S. for each applicable subscriber's schedule.

For the proposed shifted transmission and ancillary services credit on the minimum bill, the Company proposes to use the avoided cost rates for transmission and ancillary services that it calculated and proposed in the Company's ongoing net metering case, Case No. PUR-2024-00161. To calculate the proposed transmission benefit, the Company states that it compared the average hourly monthly load profile of a typical residential customer with the average hourly generation profile of a representative solar array. The Company explains that it divided the average avoided transmission credit component, which is based on the Annual Network Integration Transmission Rates for the AEP Transmission Zone, by the total net excess generation to produce the proposed credit rate. The Company states that it based its proposed ancillary service cost component rate on its actual 2023 PJM Ancillary Services charges.

In sum, the Company states that it determined the total proposed shared solar benefits to be $40.59 per 1,000 kWh. The resultant minimum bill (net of benefits) the Company proposes in the Petition is thus $48.66 per 1,000 kWh. According to the Petition, the proposed $48 to minimum bill minimizes cost shifts to non participating customers by appropriately compensating shared solar subscribers for the benefits provided by shared solar facilities while ensuring those subscribers contribute their fair share towards the Company's cost of providing retail electric service.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition and supporting documents in full for additional details.

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April 17, 2025

Appalachian Power Company

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed are copies of the following documents:

Petition of Appalachian Power Company For Approval of a Minimum Bill, Tariffs, and Agreements to Implement a Shared Solar Program, Pursuant to § 56-594.4 of the Code of Virginia, Case No. PUR-2025-00028 (filed April 1, 2025). A complete copy of the public petition may be obtained at no cost by contacting me at the above address; and

Order for Notice and Hearing, *Petition of Appalachian Power Company For Approval of a Minimum Bill, Tariffs, and Agreements to Implement a Shared Solar Program, Pursuant to § 56-594.4 of the Code of Virginia*, Case No. PUR-2025-00028 (filed April 11, 2025).

Sincerely,

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