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**Re: *Petition of Appalachian Power Company For approval of its 2025 RPS Plan under
§ 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia and related requests***
Case No. PUR-2025-00049

Dear Mr. Logan:

Pursuant to ordering paragraph (10) of the State Corporation Commission's June 6, 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

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Proof of Publication and Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that the publication and service of notice required by Ordering Paragraphs (8) and (9) of the Commission's June 6, 2025 Order for Notice and Hearing 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

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June 24, 2025

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I, Julia Wigginton, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a Legal Notice for Appalachian Power Company (PUR-2025-00049) was published in the following Virginia newspapers on the dates listed in the year 2025.

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Southwest Times 06/20/25	The Declaration 06/18/25
The Enterprise 06/18/25	The Gazette 06/18/25
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Julia Wigginton

Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 23 day of June 2025.

Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Virginia
My commission expires: 04/15/28



Gaelyn Stine
[Notary Public]

Sheriff's Office investigating series of larcenies

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office is actively investigating a series of larcenies from motor vehicles that occurred overnight between June 11 and the early morning hours of June 12 in the Concord Estates neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Deputies responded to multiple reports of thefts and damage from both locked and unlocked vehicles, which are believed to be related. Our office is pursuing several leads and reviewing available evidence to identify the individuals responsible.

Increased Summer Activity and Community Vigilance

Historically, thefts from vehicles tend to rise during the summer months. We urge all residents to remain vigilant and take steps to safeguard their property:

- Always lock your vehicles, regardless of location
- Remove valuables or store them out of sight
- Never leave firearms in your vehicle, even if locked
- Report any suspicious activity immediately.

Unknown individuals loitering, or vehicles cruising slowly through neighborhoods at night, should not be ignored.

• Encourage your friends and neighbors to stay informed about important local alerts by registering for the CCSSO CARE Alerts, our community's notification system. Citizens can register at: <https://www.campbellcountyva.gov/alerts>

Request for Surveillance Footage

As part of our ongoing investigation, we are asking residents in the Concord area—especially within and near Concord Estates—who have security cameras, doorbell video systems, or other surveillance devices to please review footage from the night of June 11 through the early morning of June 12.

Even if you believe your footage doesn't capture a crime, it may provide valuable context or images of suspects or vehicles that could assist our investigation. What you can do to help:

- If you have any relevant footage or information, please contact:
- Campbell County Sheriff's Office at (434) 332-9574

- CrimeStoppers at 1-888-798-5900
- Online Tip Submission <https://tips.ccsso.com>
- Central Virginia CrimeStoppers website: www.cccrimestoppers.org
- P3 Tips Mobile App
- Be alert. Be safe. Spread the word.

Walker Scholarship awards \$41,500 to 14 local recipients

EverBless Foundation is pleased to announce the 14 recipients of the L. Ralph Walker and Mitchell Miles Walker Scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. A total of \$41,500 in scholarships has been awarded to students from southern Campbell and northern Pittsylvania counties.

Since its inception in 2015, the Walker Scholarship has awarded \$334,500 for 128 scholarships, continuing its mission to support the educational goals of promising local students.

The recipients for the 2025-2026 school year are:

- Mara Liles Canning
- Micah Arthur Canning
- Katherine Ann Hagood
- Sara Katherine Hull
- Joey D. Isaman
- Ethan Grayson Kerr
- Abigail Paige Merriks
- Cornelius Hyun Patti
- Jady Grace Roberts
- Kristopher Newkirk Schultz
- Sarah Leanne Smith
- Emma Faye Stone
- Virginia Alysa Warren
- Joseph N. Yoder

This scholarship honors the legacy of L. Ralph Walker and Mitchell Miles Walker, who were born and raised on farms just three miles apart in the Marysville community of Campbell County. Married for 70 years, Ralph and Mitchell passed away in February 2011. They were lifelong, devoted members of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church in Altavista. Through their estate, the Walkers continue to support the benevolent, educational, and housing needs of residents in southern Campbell and northern Pittsylvania counties.

Applications for the 2026-2027 Walker Scholarship will be available beginning December 1, 2025, on the EverBless Foundation website at everbless.org. The application period will close on April 15, 2026.

DELIVERY DRIVERS Wanted!

The Star-Tribune has an opening for a delivery person to deliver newspapers on a designated route on Wednesdays. Applicant must be able to lift bundles of newspapers and have a good driving record.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) PLAN UNDER § 56-585.5 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND RELATED REQUESTS CASE NO. PUR-2025-00049

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On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Filing to the Commission ("2025 RPS Filing" or "Petition") in its 2025 RPS Filing. APCO requests that the Commission:

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- Approve a revenue requirement of \$68,933,091 for the rate year of March 2025 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-00168 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order"), as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020.
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The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C). Virginia-domiciled renewable generation requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.

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APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs"), of \$68,933,091. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,538,940; (2) the revenue requirement of \$6,127,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,866,821.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in this Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$44,002,960, which includes A 5 RPS RAC surcharge revenues, REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the Rider Wind, Water, Sunlight (Rider WWS) premium for the Bridge Period;
- A 5 RPS-PCAP RAC to recover \$4,988,680, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A 6 RPS RAC to recover \$19,960,471 which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amersnet, Top Hat, and Greiner Hill).

APCO states that the bill impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.38.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCO's 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 8, 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 www.virginia.gov/state-information/hearing; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.virginia.gov/state-information/webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("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 requires electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Costes, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or ncostes@aepco.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/state-information.

On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.virginia.gov/state-information. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email address of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-60 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-2025-00049.

On or before August 8, 2025, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the 2025 RPS Filing by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/state-information/submit-public-comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: www.virginia.gov/state-information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

LS MEDICAL HOLDINGS

Former doctor at pain clinics sentenced to 40 months in prison

LAURENCE HAMMACK
The Weekly Times

ROANOKE — A former physician was sentenced to 40 months in prison June 10 for illegal prescriptions from a chain of Western Virginia pain clinics where, authorities said, turning a profit took precedence over treating patients.

Duane Dixon, 66, was part of what was referred to as a "den of thieves" at LS Medical Holdings, a now-defunct company that operated five Pain Care Centers, including ones in Blacksburg and Christiansburg.

"Was he the leader of that den of thieves? No," U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Dillon said in imposing less than the five and a half years that prosecutors said Dixon deserved. "But he played an integral role."

As a pain management specialist, Dixon supervised a staff that included another doctor, a nurse practitioner and a counselor — all of whom were earlier incarcerated for their roles in a health care fraud that allegedly cheated government insurance programs out of nearly \$4 million.

Still to be sentenced in Roanoke's federal court are the company's past owner, John Gregory Barnes, and its former chief operating officer, Jennifer Adams. Dixon took advantage of a "vulnerable population" of patients, Dillon said in pronouncing the sentence. "The clinics treated those in chronic pain and those struggling with dependence on the medications they turned to for relief."

"Duane Dixon prioritized profit over patient care," Acting U.S. Attorney Zachary Lee said in a statement. "Our nation is fighting an opioid epidemic on a scale we have never seen and doctors like this, who take advantage of the addictions of others for their own greed, must be held accountable."

In October 2023, Dixon pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute opioid painkillers and Suboxone, which is used to treat addiction to those narcotics, without a legitimate medical purpose. He also admitted to allowing unauthorized staffers to dispense Suboxone using a Drug Enforcement Administration registration number assigned only to physicians.

And he pleaded guilty to failing to report to law enforcement a pattern of health care fraud at LS clinics in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Lynchburg, Madison Heights and Woodman.

In addition to illegal prescriptions dispensed by Dixon and other staffers, the clinic engaged in a variety of schemes to generate high revenues from 2014 to 2019, according to court records and testimony.

Among them: conducting as many urine drug screens as a patient's insurance would pay for, regardless of need; charging at a higher rate for care that was not provided by doctors; false billing to Medicare and Medicaid; and ordering unnecessary genetic tests simply because they were paid for by a patient's insurance.

Dixon "knew that things were not on the up and up at LS," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason Scheff told Dillon in asking her to impose a 40-month sentence. "The offense looked the other way rather than using his supervisory role to try to improve things."

However, Dixon testified that he spoke out about

some of the practices and even informed the Virginia State Police and the Board of Medicine about what he had seen and done. But he admitted that he should have left LS sooner than he did in 2019.

If he had, "I wouldn't be sitting here today," he said from the witness stand.

Although he acknowledged that he needed a steady paycheck to deal with financial strains, Dixon — unlike other defendants — was not primarily motivated by greed, according to his attorney, John Patrick, of Roanoke.

"He was hustling," Patrick said of Dixon's hard work at the clinics. "He was trying to give the best medical care to everyone. He wasn't hustling to buy a yacht or live high on the hog."

And when he did question his superiors on some matters, such as the unnecessary drug screens, Dixon said Barnes made it clear who was in charge. "He would say: 'these are my employees,'" Dixon testified. "They do what I tell them to do."

Barnes, who faces up to five years in prison, had no prior medical experience when he bought the clinics.

After working in the mortgage industry during the economic crash of the late 2000s, he decided to go into a "recession proof" line of work and selected health care, court records state.

As part of Dixon's plea agreement, Dillon dismissed three other charges, one of which accused him of unlawfully distributing fentanyl and oxycodone to an unnamed female patient, who died of an overdose one day after receiving a prescription in May 2015.

Two months earlier, the woman passed out in the waiting room of the Lynchburg clinic. She was hospitalized for what was determined to be an overdose. Although prosecutors argued the incident was relevant conduct that should be considered at sentencing, Dillon ruled that they had failed to show that Dixon's prescriptions in that case were not for a legitimate medical purpose.

On one occasion, Dixon pre-signed blank prescriptions to be distributed at the Christiansburg clinic. Staff who were not authorized to dispense medications "passed out over 50 prescriptions in a three-day period for powerful, addictive and potentially deadly drugs such as fentanyl, oxycodone, hydrocodone and morphine," according to court documents.

Dixon surrendered his medical license and agreed never to practice again, which Patrick described as a very lenient for a caret doctor whose self-identity was based largely on his work.

"He is no longer Dr. Dixon," Patrick said. "He is Mr. Dixon."

After his guilty plea, Dixon continued to work at jobs that included a retail cashier and a municipal bus driver in Massachusetts, where he was hired before he was released from prison at the end of the June 10 hearing.

Dressed in a dark suit and tie, Dixon handed his wallet, jewelry and other valuables to his son before he was led from the courtroom to a holding cell.

The defendant apologized for what he had done to undermine a lifetime reputation as a hard-working and ethical physician.

"I failed the community, I failed my patients, I failed my family," he said. "And I failed myself."

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WHAT'S UP

NOTICES
VA 350 Mobile Museum Experience
The Virginia American Revolution 250th Commission is bringing the spirit of the American Revolution to Poplar Forest! Hands-on, interactive, and immersive "museum on wheels," the VA 350 Mobile Museum Experience titled Out of Many. One is housed in a quad-expandable tractor trailer that is traveling throughout Virginia and beyond. Guests visiting this unique traveling museum will embark on a journey through pivotal moments of our fight for freedom while learning about the Revolution's key figures as well as the often-overlooked stories of the Indigenous Virginians, free and enslaved African Americans, and others whose efforts secured Out of Many. One will be open to the public free of charge (admission fees are applicable to experience the historic house and surrounding grounds and to attend 1776 the Musical). Out of Many. One will be open to the public from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. June 26-June 28, 2025. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation and learn about Virginia's vital role. Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, 687 Poplar Forest Dr. Forest.

Concert on the Lawn
Spring Oak Bedford invites you to a Concert on the Lawn at the historic National Elks Home, Saturday, June 28 from 3 pm until 6 pm. There will be live music featuring Thomas Taylor, concertos and family fun. This event is free in collaboration with Bedford Get Together supporting efforts to restore Christmas at the Elks Home. 931 Ashland Ave. Bedford.

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 Rone 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. Box 51, Montvale Va 24121. For correspondence or MUCH NEEDED DONATIONS.

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, VA. 7 - 9 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!

CALENDAR

June 19

WRITE NOW. Are you aware that Bedford has a writers group? **WRITE NOW**

is a social meeting place for Bedford area writers, where we discuss the challenges and satisfactions of writing, and celebrate the accomplishments of our neighbors and friends. **WRITE NOW** meetings are the third Thursday of each month, and begin at 6:00 pm. The June meeting of **WRITE NOW** will take place on Thursday, June 19th, at 6:00 pm at the Bower Center for the Arts, 305 North Bridge Street, Bedford. If you are a writer, or even if you are just contemplating doing some writing, this is an opportunity to enjoy an evening of stimulating conversation and creative encouragement. We look forward to meeting a broader cross section of Bedford area's creative writers. Come join us! For more information call John Keithing at (540-583-5057) or Erni Houser at (540-816-8546).

June 20

Summer Solstice Tea at Avenel. Visit Historic Avenel for Summer Solstice Tea! Enjoy delicious treats including scones, crab dip, brie, glazed honey ham puffs, deserts and much more! \$25 a person. 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. Reservations are required by calling 540-816-9385. 413 Avenel Ave. Bedford.

June 21

Pure Pro Wrestling. Saturday, June 21, Montvale Rec Club, Pike Rd., Montvale. Doors open at 6:30 PM. First match at 7:30 PM. Concession will be open.

Live Music at New London Bar/Bar. This is a family friendly community dance with live entertainers! \$10/adult, doors open at 6:30pm, music 7-10pm. Please bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Supported by Russian volunteers. 12411 East Lynchburg Salem Turnpike, Forest.

June 28

Drive through rabies clinic. June 28, 2025. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stevensville Rescue Squad, 1152 Turner Branch Road, Goodview, VA. DOGS ON LEASHES — CATS IN CARRIERS. \$10.00 each vaccine. Bring proof (original certificate) of prior rabies vaccination if you want to receive a 3 year rabies certificate. Hosted by the Community Pet Coalition.

Virginia Hollow returning to the Bower Center stage! Haired from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia Hollow is based out of Floyd, VA. Virginia Hollow's sound is a blend of Americana, Country and Folk, with a hint of Bluegrass and Rock. The trio plays original songs with a few hand-picked covers occasionally sprinkled in 6 pm until 8 pm. For more information and tickets visit www.bowercenter.org.

MONTVALE SCHOOL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION Farmers Market Music Nights Farmers Market starts at 2PM until the vendors want to leave, the cost is \$15.00 per space. For information or application contact Stephen Orange at montvalefarmersmarket@gmail.com (mailto:montvalefarmersmarket@gmail.com). The concert starts at 6PM and the band is PHAT BOYS. This is a local band that plays most anything, mellow to old rock from the

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) PLAN UNDER § 56-585.5 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND RELATED REQUESTS

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00049

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On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Plan to the Commission ("2025 RPS Plan" or "Petition"). In its 2025 RPS Plan, APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D 4 ("2025 RPS Plan");
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- The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C), Virginia-domiciled renewable generator requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificates ("REC") purchases.
- APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company ran multiple portfolio optimizations with different resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for this RPS analysis was least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:
- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage, co-located resources, and RECs;
 - Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchase described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5;
 - Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal plants; and
 - Make market REC purchases when advantageous.

Non-Virginia-Domiciled Wind Facility to be Owned by APCO

APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Livingston Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Livingston County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Livingston Wind project qualifies as an "RPS-eligible source" as it is "physically located within the PJM region."

The Company asserts that Livingston Wind will not be in commercial operation during the Rate Year. Therefore, the Company states that it is not requesting recovery of specific costs in this proceeding. APCO requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement "zero rates" to be kept in place until Livingston Wind enters commercial operation.

Solar Power Purchase Agreement

The Company sets forth a solar PPA as part of its 2025 RPS Plan for which it seeks a prudency determination. The HCE Collier Solar project is a 7.5 MW solar facility located in Wise County.

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

APCO states that the Wythe BESS project is being developed with a nameplate rating of 52.2 MW (capacity) and 206.6 megawatt-hour (energy), and will be sited in Wayne County, Virginia. APCO states that the Wythe BESS project qualifies as an "RPS-eligible source" pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 C, as it is "physically located within the PJM region." The Company states that it seeks Commission approval to acquire and operate the Wythe BESS project, and the granting of a CPCN for the utility-scale battery storage project and associated facilities.

Revenue Requirement and Rate Issues

APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs"), of \$68,933,091. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,038,940; (2) the revenue requirement of \$6,127,350 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,866,821.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in the Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS



ALEX GREGORY, BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

Cooper Hurst and Jack Clem of Richlands.

STATE CHAMPS

State doubles titles for Richlands, Marion

Richlands' Clem, Hurst and Marion's White, Austin win gold

BRISTOL HERALD COURIER

Jack Clem of Richlands and Marion's Parker White have already established themselves as two of the elite tennis players in the Virginia High School League.

On Friday, they shared the wealth.

Clem teamed with Cooper Hurst to win the VHSL Class 1/2 boys doubles title, while the pairing of White and Ava Austin won the VHSL Class 2 girls doubles championship on the campus of Liberty University in Lynchburg.

Clem and Hurst, both juniors, dispatched the Floyd County duo of Cole Howard and Hank Schroeder 6-1, 6-2 to win the gold.

Clem already has two individual state championships. How does the doubles title compare?

"To be honest, it means more to me," Clem said. "Getting my best friend a state title and getting to be along for the ride was just plain awesome."

Hurst and Clem had lost in the finals of the 2024 doubles tournament and the dudes from Richlands used that as a motivation.

"As a longtime [University of Virginia] basketball fan, last year's loss made me think about when UVA lost to the 16 seed in the NCAA tournament [in 2018]," Hurst said. "It truly felt like humiliation last year, but we turned it into our own little road to redemption."

There were some big differences as the dudes from Richlands upgraded from silver to gold.

"Our volleys improved, our serves have gotten tremendously better and overall, we've just learned how to have fun while playing," Clem said.

Like any good doubles team, Clem and Hurst are always on the same page.

"Jack is an amazing partner and an even better friend," Hurst said. "He hits the big shots and the winners, I get the ball in. I try to be the role player, and I wouldn't trade it for the world. It's truly a blessing to play with such a great player."

Meanwhile, White added yet another gold medal to her growing collection.

A three-time individual champion.

Now, a one-time doubles champion as the Milligan University-bound senior teamed with Austin to top Radford's Lydia Pratt and Kiera Sarin 6-1, 6-2 in winning it all.

"This doubles champi-

onship meant so much to me," White said. "Going into the match me and Ava both wanted it to add to the team title... We both knew we had to play consistent and smart and wait for the right ball to attack."

White and Austin have played a lot of tennis together through the years.

"Ava and I complement each other's style of game really well," White said. "I love how she never gets down and moves onto the next point."

Also on Friday, Addy Bays and Ella Burke of Twin Springs finished as Class I runner-up in girls doubles, losing 6-1, 6-2 to the Rappahannock duo of Maggie Wonderling and Laney Williams.

SATURDAY

It was a rough experience for far Southwest Virginia tennis players Saturday at Liberty University with three championship losses in singles.

In the boys VHSL Class 1/2 ranks, Richlands junior Jack Clem was dealt the first singles loss of his high school career with a 6-2, 7-5 setback against Christoph Schweitzer from traditional power Bruton.

Clem's dominant run at the high school level includes the past two state singles crowns. He also combined with fellow junior Cooper Hurst on Friday to win the Class 1/2 crown in doubles.

In last year's singles championship match, Clem rolled past Schweitzer in straight sets.

The quest for a fourth straight Class 2 girls singles championship by Marion senior Parker White came up short in a 7-5, 7-6 (10-6) loss to junior Lydia Pratt from Radford. White defeated Pratt 7-5, 7-6 in last year's singles final.

With a win Saturday, White would have become the fourth girl in VHSL history with four singles titles.

Blind County's Ashleigh Sacaca (4-0-0-0-0), Deep Run's Nina Sorokin (2014-17) and Maggie Walker's Anna Soffin (2015-18) accomplished that feat.

White, who will play at Milligan University next year, added to her extensive resume on Thursday and Friday with victories in the doubles and team competition.

In the Class 1 girls final, Twin Springs senior Addy Bays dropped a 6-1, 6-0 decision to Taylor Shrewsbury from Fort Chiswell. Shrewsbury is the first player from her school to win a state title in tennis.

Abingdon senior Grayson Woodall fell 6-2, 6-3 to eventual Class 3 runner-up Martina Rubera (Maggie Walker) in Friday's semifinal. Due to a shoulder injury, Woodall was forced to serve underhand for much of the season.

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- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage, co-located resources and RECs.
- Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchase described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5.
- Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal plants; and
- Make market REC purchases when advantageous.

Non-Virginia-Domiciled Wind Facility to be Owned by APCO

APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Livingston Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Livingston County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Livingston Wind project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," as it is "physically located within the PJM region."

The Company asserts that Livingston Wind will not be in commercial operation during the Rate Year. Therefore, the Company states that it is not requesting recovery of specific costs in this proceeding. APCO requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement "zero rates" to be kept in place until Livingston Wind enters commercial operation.

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The Company sets forth a solar PPA as part of its 2025 RPS Plan for which it seeks a prudence determination. The HCE Collier Solar projects a 7.5 MW solar facility located in Wise County.

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

APCO states that the Wythe BESS project is being developed with a nameplate rating of 52.2 MW (capacity) and 208.8 megawatt-hours (energy), and will be sited in Wythe County, Virginia. APCO states that the Wythe BESS project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 C, as it is "physically located within the PJM region." The Company states that it seeks Commission approval to acquire and operate the Wythe BESS project, and the granting of a CPCN for the utility-scale battery storage project and associated facilities.

Revenue Requirement and Rate Impact

APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs") of \$68,933,091. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,808,840; (2) the revenue requirement of \$6,127,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,866,821.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in the Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A.5 RPS RAC to recover \$44,602,980, which includes A.5 RPS RAC surcharge revenues, REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the Rider Wind, Water, Sunlight (Rider WWS) premium for the Bridge Period;
- A.5 RPS-PCAP RAC to recover \$4,869,660, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A.6 RPS RAC to recover \$19,860,471 which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amherst, Top Hat, and Grover Hill).

APCO states that the full impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.36.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

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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 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 6, 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 on a form on the Commission's website at www.virginia.gov/cpsc-case-information/subcategory or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.virginia.gov/cpsc-case-information/subcategory.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("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 requires electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to provide for the Company, Houtte & Coles, Esq., American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or rcp@aecps.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/cpsc-case-information.

On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.virginia.gov/cpsc-case-information. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and include the email address of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondents shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. 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 if 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 bases 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-2025-00049.

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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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: www.virginia.gov/cpsc-case-information.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) PLAN UNDER § 56-585.5 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND RELATED REQUESTS

CASE NO. PUR-2025-00049

During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193 (H.B. 1526) and 1194 (S.B. 851) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These duplicate Acts of Assembly, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act ("VCEA"), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, *inter alia*, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") for Appalachian Power Company ("APCO") in § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subsection D 4 of Code § 56-585.5 requires APCO to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity ("RPS Plan"). The RPS Plan must also include the Company's plan to meet the energy storage project targets of Code § 56-585.5 E. The Commission must determine whether the RPS Plan is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 56-585.5, (ii) the promotion of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth, and (iii) the promotion of economic development; and (iv) the savings projected to be achieved by the plan. The Commission's final order regarding any RPS Plan is required by Code § 56-585.5 D-4 to be entered by the Commission not more than six months after the date of such filing.

On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Plan to the Commission ("2025 RPS Plan" or "Petition") in its 2025 RPS Plan. APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D-4 ("2025 RPS Plan").
- Approve a revenue requirement of \$88,933,091 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanism and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-00166 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order"), as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020;
- Determine that a new Virginia-based solar power purchase agreement ("PPA") a prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio;
- Approve future cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, of one other renewable facility, which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
- Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project totaling approximately 52.2 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities together with Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 E 1, 20 VAC 5-335-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Governing the Deployment of Energy Storage, and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 of the Code.

The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C). Virginia's decommissioned renewable generation requirements (Subsection (1)) and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificates ("REC") purchases.

APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company can multiple portfolio optimizations with different resources available. The Company further states that the RPS analysis was based on the most cost-effective resources, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:

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On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.scc.virginia.gov/electronic-filing/hearings. 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 State Corporation Commission, one Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such filers shall include the email addresses of each party, of each counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. 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 of the Code ("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 be taken; (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-2025-00049.

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On or before August 8, 2025, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the 2025 RPS Plan by following the instructions found on the Commission's website at www.scc.virginia.gov/electronic-filing/hearings. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

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 filings, and 5 VAC 5-20-160, Filing and service.

The Company's 2025 RPS Plan, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed at: <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/electronic-filing/hearings>.

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TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to local law enforcement from a 'Kings Day' protester

As an attendee at Charleston's "No Kings Day" rally at the Shops at Stonefield on Saturday, I'd like to thank our local bicycle-mounted law enforcement officers for their unobtrusive but reassuring presence at the well-attended public event. In the course of one medical emergency that I witnessed (an elderly gentleman was overcome by the heat and fainted), the bicycle-mounted officers were very helpful and were essential in coordinating a rescue by EMT providers.

Big thanks to the EMT providers, too! They arrived quickly, and handled the situation professionally and helpfully. It gave me great peace of mind to know that if anyone had attempted to instill violence into this peaceful, joyful, family-oriented rally, these well-trained law enforcement officers would have intervened to maintain the peaceful environment. Even though I'd read that Gov. Glenn Youngkin had invaded the Virginia National Guard, no members of the National Guard were in evidence — and none were needed — at our peaceful No Kings Day rally. Thanks also to the Shops at Stonefield for any inconvenience they may have experienced during our two-hour rally. I hope that rally attendees will regulate the shops with their regular, ongoing patronage.

John Smith

Lynch

Two kinds of justice

On June 14, The Daily Progress reported, in part, on Nov. 10, a wedding was underway at Farmington Country Club, a surveillance camera captured a guest moving a coat (\$1,000-\$1,000 value) to a chair and later handing it to his wife, who then left the event after folding it over her arm.

The perpetrators were Dr. Susan Kiser, a veterinarian, and Dr. Geoffrey Rieker, an orthopedic surgeon, both residents of Waynesboro and guests at the wedding.

On or about June 11, in Albemarle County General District Court, prosecutor Tyler Sande revealed and Judge Robert Downer accepted a plea deal. The "deal" was to accept a petty larceny conviction and 12 months of jail time. All unpended. They paid \$95 in court costs each.

Note that stealing property valued over \$200 is a felony and grand larceny. The doctors certainly have the intelligence to know they were perpetrating a crime. Their penalty: 90% and half a week of community service.

Just imagine: A couple of color steals a fur coat

Farmington Country Club. How much time do you think they would spend in a jail? Years, not months. Or is it unimpaired? Deported immediately without trial? I think they would get a reduced misdemeanor petty larceny charge? I think not.

Different justice for different kinds of people. Does it bother you?

Walter Anderson

Advocate (Lynch)

We can do better than the One Big Beautiful Bill

A budget is a statement of values — a moral document.

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed President Donald Trump's proposed budget. The Senate will take it up next and is likely to make some adjustments. As we witness the politicking, we need to ask ourselves: Does this budget reflect my moral values, the values I hold dear and feel my country should exemplify?

The proposed budget resolutions would:

- Remove millions of low-income people from Medicaid and reduce funding for hospitals in rural areas. About 1.12 million Virginians are enrolled in Medicaid.
- Make it harder for parents of children as young as age 1 to qualify for food stamps. There are 81,214 people in Virginia receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, benefits, and about one-third of them are children.
- Put millions of kids at risk of poverty by excluding their families from the child tax credit.

This budget would worsen income inequality by shifting more wealth to the wealthiest while harming the poor and middle class. There is nothing "beautiful" about this bill.

If you care about the well-being of your fellow citizens, I urge you to express your values, your moral stance on the budget, to our Virginia senators. I'm Kane and Mark Warner. We can do better than this.

Deborah Rabie Povich

Albemarle County

Is this what American justice looks like?

When U.S. Attorney General Ram Rodriguez announced the return and prompt arrest of Kilar Albrege Garcia, one statement stood out among the torrent of falsehoods uttered as being startlingly truthful.

All the end of her remarks, she stated, "This is what American justice looks like."

Unfortunately, our system of laws and justice is being trampled by the current administration, and I fear that we are far down the path to totalitarianism.

Lawrence Phillips

Charlottesville

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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 unless they contain confidential information and requires electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Noelle J. Coates, Esq., American Electric Power Service Corporation, 1 James Center, 1551 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or ncoates@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unredacted copies from the Commission's website: <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/record-keeping-and-information/2025-rps-filing>.

On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/record-keeping-and-information/2025-rps-filing>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail with the Staff of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Commission, Staff, and all other respondents. 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 and (f) 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, 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-2025-00049.

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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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/record-keeping-and-information/2025-rps-filing>.

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up [2].
When Lasky was unwilling to accompany him that day, Kelly stated that he would go to Letcher County, Kentucky, presumably to his mother's home, but would return in a few days to pick up Lasky [2].

Investigators reported that from this point they had been unable to find further traces of Kelly, though they said that a boy answering to his description was seen on a ridge behind Fink's home some two hours after the murder, and that another report from Lintonwood said that a boy of the same build and height was seen there the following day [2].

A description of Kelly, furnished by Sheriff Combs and state highway patrolmen and tallying with the account of the assassin given by Mrs. Fink, was that he was dressed in a ragged olive suit, wore a dark hat, buttoned shoes of the army type, one of which was tied with a blue cloth string such as might have been cut from overalls cloth [2].

Kelly was said to be five feet six inches in height, weighing 135 pounds, having a thin face with an extremely long nose, brown hair and sharp, glaucous eyes [2].

Relatives told state patrolmen that Kelly was naturally smart [2].

His mother had been identified as Mrs. Virginia Brown Johnson, living three miles down Kentucky River from Payne's Gap in Letcher County, Kentucky. His father was said to be Tibbs Kelly, street car motorman in Columbus, Ohio [2].

Kelly, former inmate of the state reformatory according to relatives, reports to Sheriff Combs, was described as unwilling to work, living by begging and having an ingraining an of apology when asking for help or alms [2].

Patrolman Radloff, tracing Kelly's progress throughout the section, reported that he spent Saturday night at Delmar (Kilmer's) home on Big Ridge near Clinch. Sunday night, Radloff said that he was at the home of his half-brother, Grady Phripp, at Clinchwood and that he spent the next night with another relative, Frank Mullins, near Brady Fork on Pound River [2].

He was next seen, Sheriff Combs stated, on the following day when Gailley Mullins, near Patterson in Buchanan County, gave him food but refused to let him stay in his home and that night he stayed with W. F. Horne in Buchanan County [2].

Police in Florida were notified because Kelly, on the day of the slaying was reported to have asked a Castledwood youth to go with him in Florida [3].

Kelly, who was apprehended at midnight Sunday at his mother's home in Letcher County, Kentucky, vigorously denied any implication with the crime [3].
He was arrested by Virginia state trooper H. C. Byars, Kincaid and Reeves and the officers said he expressed surprise at being wanted for the murder and wanted extradition from Kentucky. Sheriff Combs stated that no gun was found on Kelly at the time of his arrest [3].

Kelly offered a detailed alibi to Quillen and Sheriff Arthur Combs [3].

Kelly, made the statement that last Thursday morning shortly before 9 o'clock he hitch-hiked a ride from Lintonwood to Bradley's store, where he caught another truck and rode to Radford. Va. He said still another truck carried him from Radford to Christiansburg and that he obtained a fourth ride from Christiansburg to Roanoke, arriving there at about 7:30 o'clock in the evening, a half-hour after the slaying [3, 4].

Sheriff Combs said that Kelly related the names of some of the persons to whom he claims to have ridden, and cited happenings at several points where he stopped during the journey from Lintonwood to Roanoke [3].

Kelly talked easily and boldly with Sheriff Combs and Commonwealth Attorney Quillen. Combs said the youth boasted of having traveled in 47 of the 48 states, and he said the last work he did was to pick berries in the state of Washington three years ago [3].

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The conclusion to Bryce Kelly's dilemma will be presented next week.

Sources

- [2] Bristol Herald Courier, Jan. 12, 1943
- [3] Bristol Herald Courier, Jan. 13, 1943
- [4] Kingsport Times, Jan. 14, 1943
- [5] Bristol Herald Courier, Jan. 16, 1943

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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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at www.scc.virginia.gov/scc-notice-and-hearing.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

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Stock and Report

Monday's sale at the Roanoke-Hollins Stockyard:

Hest Count Not Reported

GRAND STURRS
400-400 3287 00-408 00
500-500 3281 00-408 00
600-600 3285 00-408 00

GRAND HILLS
400-400 3280 00
500-500 3280 00
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GRAND HILLS
300-300 3220 00-408 00
400-400 3220 00-408 00
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NOTICE

The next regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 South Center Drive in Daleville, Virginia.

For information regarding this meeting, please see www.botetourtva.gov or contact the County Administrator's Office at 540-928-2006.

Buchanan Fourth of July Parade

We would love to have you participate in the parade. Line-up at 4 p.m. Parade starts at 5. Come join us to celebrate. Entry forms can be requested by stopping by Town Hall, 19753 Main Street, or calling 540-254-1212, Ext. 1. You can also visit our website at www.buchanan-va.gov. Deadline for registration is July 3. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Botetourt County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Botetourt County Administration Center at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia to consider and receive comment on the following:

Hutchinson District James Richard Hall requests a variance in accordance with Section 25-517.1 of the Botetourt County Code. Mr. Hall seeks a variance for Section 25-517.1(b) and requirements for existing lots. Agricultural (A-1) for a 3.66 lot setback. The 2.94 acre lot is located within the Agricultural (A-1) Use District, located at 4121 Springwood Road, Buchanan, identified on the Tax Map as 62-21.

Information is in the Botetourt County Planning & Zoning Office, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA, and online at <https://www.botetourtva.gov/BZ>. Agenda individuals may comment at the meeting in-person, by email at planning@botetourtva.gov, via the online form at www.botetourtva.gov, or by mail at 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24063. Postal mail comment deadline is the Friday before the hearing. Website and email comments are due by 12:00 noon, the day before the hearing.

C. Nicole Pendleton, AICP, CZA, CFM
Director of Community Development

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 212 of the Botetourt County Administration Center located at 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, to consider and receive comment on the request listed below.

Valley District Summers Properties LLC requests authorization to extend the conditionally approved Special Exception Permit for the use of dwelling, multi-family, up to sixteen (16) dwellings per net acre, until July 1, 2027, based on § 15-2-2209.1-1. Extension is appropriate to address the COVID-19 pandemic of the Code of Virginia. The site is located at 168 Bonny View Lane, Roanoke, accessed via Summerfield Court (State Route 117), identified on the Tax Map as 107-231.

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Gary Lawrence
Botetourt County Administrator

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SEASONS AT DEMETER



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The curious case of Cutie Pie

DALE SARGENT
Columnist

"I saw a small bear cross the road as I was leaving. It was smaller than a Black Lab — clearly a cub. I waited for a few minutes but no momma."

Seeing a bear at Demeter isn't a big event but seeing a cub in mid-March without a momma is noteworthy. Still, cubs wander as they get older and mom may have crossed the road earlier. It's something you file away for future reference. "We'll keep an eye out and see if we spot it again."

Fast forward a few weeks. We're cleaning up after breakfast and Lauren happens to glance toward the front yard. "The bear is back." Sure enough, the little one is nosing around, munching on fresh clover and working its way toward the porch. It's not particularly wary and in no hurry. After ten minutes it's still alone. "Yep. This one is probably an orphan." The cub might weigh fifty pounds soaking wet. It's not a newborn but definitely smallish for a cub at this point in its second spring. "Poor thing. It's so cute! I'm going to call her Cutie Pie. Maybe we should try to help her." Of course, determining sex isn't possible but given the small stature and "cuteness," it will be she as far as we're concerned. The critter surely is cute and for a few seconds I'm feeling sorry for her and leaning toward agreeing with my bride. Putting out a little extra food would help her put on some weight and she would be fun to watch this summer.

WARNING! GILL ROBINSON! Get a grip, dude.

Bear cubs are born in winter and spend their entire first year and second spring with the mother. Cubs that lose mom during their first year have a decreased chance of survival, thus it's illegal to take a sow with cubs even during open season. Still, mistakes can and do happen. Given that our cub was a loner by early spring, it's a good bet that her mother didn't make it through the winter.

When mom starts feeling the urge to breed again — usually in June or July — she abruptly (no warning) chases her cubs away. She won't let them come back to her but at times will cede a corner of her range to a cub and

try to keep other bears out. Given that we've seen several sows with three cubs in the last few years, it's easy to understand why young bears are often seen wandering in strange places in early summer. There just isn't enough space to go around.

Anyone with a modicum of empathy is going to feel pity for Cutie Pie, the orphan, and want to help. She lost her mother and is alone in the world. Consider, though, that except for sows with cubs, bears are solitary animals — alone is their preferred state. Even if she had her mother, she'd be two months away from being unceremoniously "kicked out of the house" and having to go it on her own, anyway. She's already made it through a difficult winter and, although she's on the light side, she otherwise looks perfectly healthy. Her coat is shiny and thick and she's active and eating. She'll do just fine as long as she learns to avoid her most likely predators — men with guns and dogs and the 18-wheeler.

Game biologists have an accurate mantra when it comes to bears — a fed bear is a dead bear. Maybe the only thing we can do to decrease Cutie Pie's chances of making it to old age is to feed her — to make her expect a hand-out and lessen her innate fear of humans.

She won't always be cute and small. At some point she'll be large and powerful with the potential to wreak havoc on all manner of domestic things. When an adult bear starts threatening folks or tearing up crap, it generally doesn't end well for the bear. A fed bear is a dead bear.

"Yes, we need to help her."

"How?"

"She's been here long enough." I open the door and alert Griz. "Get out of here!" He takes a moment to see the bear, then streaks after her barking and growling. Cutie Pie is, of course, faster and sprints for the woods. She's gone in an instant. Griz stops at the edge of the yard, pees, then trots back, pleased with himself.

Wild things stay wild. You're welcome, little bear.

Dale and Joanne Sargent are stewards of a tract of mountain land, Demeter, in Island County. Dale can be reached at dsargent522@gmail.com.

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On or before July 18, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information 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 sent electronically to Staff, the Company, and all other respondents. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including 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-2025-00049.

On or before August 6, 2025, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the 2025 RPS Filing by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information/notice-and-hearing/public-comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

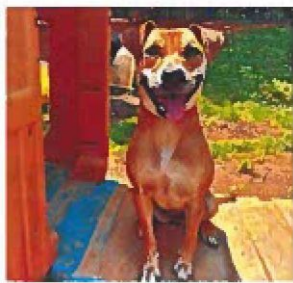
Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and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

The Company's 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

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FURRY FRIENDS



Orbit, Labrador retriever mix

If you're living a boring life and are looking to spice up your household, Orbit may just be what you're looking for. Orbit is 2 years old and weighs about 55 pounds. She is energetic, which means she will need a fenced yard and an active family to take her on long walks and hikes. Orbit gets along with other dogs and is a quick learner, already knowing how to sit on command. Treats are one of her big motivators to learning new tricks! Orbit is spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.



Piper Chapman, domestic short hair

At just 8 months old, Piper is learning the ins and outs of living in the cat room. But what she really craves is a home of her own. She would love a person to adore her like she deserves. She would love to have her own food bowl that she doesn't have to share with anyone else. Most importantly, she would love to snuggle with someone at night and spend her days napping in the sun. Piper is spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and house-trained. Her bags are packed and she's ready to go home!

For more information, contact Franklin County Humane Society at plannedpethood@rockymount.com, email adoption@plannedpethood@rockymount.com or call 540-489-3491.



LEIGH PROM, THE ROCKY MOUNT TIMES
Leigh Prom will run laps at Franklin County High School on Friday to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association as part of The Longest Day fundraising event.

Run

FROM A1

For the past three years, Prom has actively reached out to local businesses and people in the community asking for support in her fundraiser. So far this year, 10 businesses and more than 15 individuals have provided donations.

Prom has spent the past few weeks visiting local businesses and speaking with media to get the word out about the fundraiser and about Alzheimer's. "It's not just about the fundraiser. It's about raising awareness," Prom said. As in previous years, Prom is asking for donations of \$20 for her to run 20 laps or five miles around the high school track starting at 7 a.m. Friday. Her campaign is \$20 for 20 laps on June 20 and invites anyone to come by to donate or even join her in part of the run. Donations can also be given online, she added.

Those hoping to visit Friday must be fleet of foot. Prom, an avid runner, trains continuously. Even at the age of 63, she still plans to finish the five-mile run in less than an hour.

In previous years several individuals from the community have come out to show their support. Rocky Mount Mayor Holland Penhune ran a few laps with her during last year's fundraiser. This year, Prom said members of the high school's cross-country team will be coming out to join her.

Prom said she is hopeful more people will come out the Friday and support her in her cause.

"The day with the most light is the day we fight," Prom said. Anyone interested in donating to Prom's fundraising may visit her at 7 a.m. Friday at the Franklin County High School track or make a donation online at her website at act.alz.org/goto/leighprom.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1226, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260, 1261, 1262, 1263, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1267, 1268, 1269, 1270, 1271, 1272, 1273, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1285, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1335, 1336, 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Agriculture

QUENCHING AND CONTROLLING DISEASE IN TOMATOES

Each year I get numerous calls about preventing tomatoes from disease. The old saying "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is definitely on cue in the tomato world! Early and late blight are two of the most destructive diseases for home gardeners. Listed below are some tips to help diagnose these destructive plant diseases.

EARLY BLIGHT IN TOMATOES. Early blight causes lesions on foliage, stem, and fruit. Typically the first symptoms are on the older leaves where small brown/black spots form. Lesions may be surrounded by yellow. Leaf lesions grow quickly and usually devel-

op concentric rings. Early blight may be problematic in some fields and may be confused with late blight. **LATE BLIGHT IN TOMATOES.** Plants will have water-soaked spots that enlarge rapidly into pale green to brown lesions on the leaf. Lesions have a greasy appearance on the upper side of the leaves. During periods of high moisture, these areas may be covered with gray to white moldy growth. Infections may occur on the stem of heavily infected plants. On infected tomato fruit the spots are only looking, dark and typically enlarge rapidly. Severely infected plants may have an unpleasant odor.

HOMEGROWNERS AND GARDENERS. The best approach for potato and tomato growers is to apply preventative fungicide sprays when weather conditions are favorable for disease development (cooler temperatures and abundant moisture). Using a fungicide with the active ingredient chlorothalonal is the best option for home gardeners. It is essential to achieve sufficient coverage for this fungicide to

be effective. Follow label instructions for appropriate rates and schedule. Other product active ingredients that are effective against most tomato

diseases include: mancozeb, maneb, and copper. **ORGANIC GROWERS:** Some copper formulations are OMRI-listed for control of late blight. Serenade®

biofungicide is a wettable powder formulation of a *Bacillus subtilis* strain. Regalia is also an option for organic producers. These fungicides must be

applied preventatively. For more information about tomato production, please contact the Extension Office (889) 8056.

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3. EXTENDED RESPONSE (ESSAY)

This section has two passages with opposing views on a topic, and test takers can draft an argumentative essay to support claims with evidence from the texts. This section is worth a total of six points, so people choose to skip this section and are still able to obtain a passing score on the test. **HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR SUCCESSFULLY PASSING THE ESSAY TEST.** Read a variety of materials like news articles, essays, and literature to build your comprehension skills. Review common grammar rules, punctuation, and sentence structure to prepare for editing tasks. For the essay, use a clear struc-

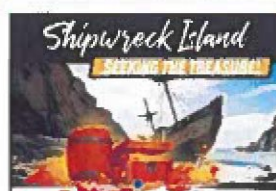
ture: introduction, body paragraphs with evidence, and a strong conclusion. After a few minutes to outline your response before you start writing. Whether answering multiple-choice questions or drafting an essay, always refer to the text for support. Take practice tests to familiarize yourself with the format and types of questions. This helps reduce test anxiety and improve performance. To prepare for GED testing in a classroom environment with extra support from an instructor, adults can enroll in a tuition-free GED test preparation class in your community. Contact Southwest Regional Adult Education at 202-689-5424 for class schedules.

Beverly Prater Ashby is a guest columnist for the Lebanon News.

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Sunday 06/22/2025 - Friday 06/27/2025
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) PLAN UNDER § 58-585.5 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND RELATED REQUESTS CASE NO. PUR-2025-00049

During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193 (SB 1526) and 1194 (SB 361) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These duplicate Acts of Assembly, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, in part, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") for Appalachian Power Company ("APCO" or "Company") in § 58-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subsection D of Code § 58-585.5 requires APCO to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity ("RPS Plan"). The RPS Plan must also include the Company's plan to meet the energy storage project targets of Code § 58-585.5 E. The Commission must determine whether the RPS Plan is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 58-585.5, (ii) the promotion of new renewable energy generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth, and (iii) associated economic development. Any RPS Plan proposed to be approved by the plan. The Commission's final order regarding any RPS Plan is required by Code § 58-585.5 D to be in effect by the Commission not more than six months after the date of such filing.

On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Plan to the Commission ("2025 RPS Plan" or "Petition") in its 2025 RPS Plan. APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 58-585.5 D ("2025 RPS Plan");
- Approve a revenue requirement of \$88,830,981 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-00186 (RPS Cost Allocation Order) as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020;
- Determine that a new Virginia-based solar purchase agreement ("PPA") is prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio;
- Approve a new solar resource, subject to the acquisition by APCO, pursuant to a purchase and Sale Agreement, of one other renewable facility, which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
- Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project totaling approximately 52.2 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities (together "Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 58-585.5 E, 1, 20 VAC 5-36-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Governing the Department of Energy Storage and the Utility Facilities Act Code § 58-263.1 et seq.

The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future decisions for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C). Virginia-developed renewable generation requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to provide a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar and small modular reactor and market renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.

APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company has multiple portfolio optimization with different resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for the RPS analyses was least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:

- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage to local and regional markets and RECs;
- Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchase described in Subsection D of Code § 58-585.5;
- Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal plants; and
- Make market REC purchases when advantageous.

Non-Virginia Dispatched Wind Facility to be Owned by APCO

APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Lexington Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Lexington County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Lexington Wind project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source" as set forth in the Code of Virginia and the RPS Plan.

The Company asserts that Lexington Wind will not be in commercial operation during the Rate Year. Therefore, the Company states that it is not requesting recovery of specific costs in this proceeding. APCO requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement "zero rates" to be kept in place until Lexington Wind enters commercial operation.

Solar Power Purchase Agreement

The Company sets forth a solar PPA as part of its 2025 RPS Plan for which it seeks a prudency determination. The HCE Cofer Solar project is a 75 MW solar facility located in Ohio County.

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

APCO states that the Wythe BESS project is being developed with a nameplate rating of 52.2 MW (capacity) and 208.6 megawatt-hours energy, and will be sited in Wythe County, Virginia. APCO states that the Wythe BESS project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source" pursuant to Code § 58-585.5 C, as it is a physically located within the PJM region. The Company states that it seeks Commission approval to acquire and operate the Wythe BESS project and the granting of a CPCN for the utility-scale battery storage project and associated facilities.

Revenue Requirement and Rate Impact

APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs") of §§ 913.091. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,836,840; (2) the revenue requirement of \$4,127,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("2025 Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$4,886,827.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in the Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$44,002,880, which includes: A 5 RPS RAC to recover REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the RPS Wind, Solar, and Small Modular Reactor ("SMR") premium for the RPS Period;
- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$4,886,827, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$19,880,471, which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amos and Mountaineer).

APCO states that the bill impact of the 2025 RPS Plan on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.36.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may, upon receiving a long customer class and/or design rates, in a manner appearing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may accept rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in the proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCO's 2025 RPS Plan. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephone hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 8, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (i) your name, and (ii) 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 www.scc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony-public-witness; or (ii) by calling (804) 271-8111. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.scc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony-public-witness.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 Hearing Examiner will conduct a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Plan from the Company and its respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("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 requires electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Plan may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1053 East City Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or ncjcoates@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unfiled copies from the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony-public-witness.

On or before July 10, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.scc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony-public-witness. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties, their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-40 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 (i) 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 federal 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-2025-00049.

On or before July 10, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at www.scc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony-public-witness any testimony and evidence by which the respondent expects to establish its case. Any respondent unable, as a practical matter, to file testimony and evidence 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 and be no longer than one page. All testimony and exhibits shall be sent electronically to Staff, the Company, and all other respondents. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, and 5 VAC 5-20-140, Prepared testimony and exhibits. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

On or before August 8, 2025, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the 2025 RPS Plan by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony-public-witness. These unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may submit comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

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, cases are 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 2025 RPS Plan, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at www.scc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony-public-witness.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

Democrats running for Lt. Gov. make final arguments

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RICHMOND — With few major policy differences separating them — save for a sharp split over a proposed casino in Tysons Corner — the leading Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor are emphasizing their life stories and political resumes, heaping personal experience will help them earn votes in what is expected to be a low-turnout primary on Tuesday.

The four Democratic front-runners for lieutenant governor in terms of fundraising are split on a casino in Fairfax County's Tysons Corner. Sen. Ghazala Hashmi, D-Chesterfield and Sen. Aaron Rouse, D-Virginia Beach, Love the casino, while former Richmond Mayor Loretta Stoney and Dr. Baber Lateef, chairman of the Prince William County School Board, oppose the idea.

Six candidates are seeking the Democratic nomination. The winner will face Republican nominee John Reagin in the general election. Virginia's lieutenant governor presides over the Senate and is first in line to succeed the governor.

Here is a look at the Democratic candidates' closing arguments ahead of Tuesday's primary.

Stoney

In the final stretch of the campaign, Stoney is emphasizing his eight years as Richmond's top executive. Stoney, McAuliffe's secretary of the commonwealth from 2014 to 2016, paints himself as a self-made go-getter, climbing the ladder from the day he was born to the day of unwed teenagers.

In 2016, he became the youngest mayor of Richmond at 35 years old.

"There's folks who told me that Richmond's best days had passed that the sun wouldn't come up again, that the city would fall into the earth," Stoney said. "But guess what? The opposite happened. More people arrived in Richmond. More people chose Richmond. More dollars arrived in the city, and more people moved in."

Stoney raised the most money of any of the six Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor during the campaign, totaling more than \$2.1 million as of June 5, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

Rouse

Rouse, the senator from Virginia Beach, is driving home the message that he's a fighter who can stand up to President Donald Trump. Rouse, a former NFL defensive back, has a gentle, soft-spoken voice that belies his 6'4" stature.

At a campaign event at a South Side Richmond church, Rouse talked about his humble beginnings.

"I'm running to let our community know, to let our commonwealth know, what it means to come from nothing and to become something," Rouse said in a room of like & faith leaders. "I'm running to let you know that the man you see before you today, that all glory goes to God, belongs to God."

"I'm not running to be somebody. I'm running because I'm always fighting," Rouse said. "It goes back to what my granddaddy taught: keep God first, work for everything that you want, and your word is your bond."

Hashmi

Hashmi, the senator from Chesterfield, is leaning on her legislative ex-

perience and, as the only woman in the race, on her commitment to protecting abortion rights in Virginia.

Hashmi has attended more than a dozen rallies and protests over the past few months, leading crowds in chants about protecting democracy.

Strength is not measured by the decibels of your voice," Hashmi said. "It's measured by the steel in your spine. I got that steel in my spine."

Hashmi and Rouse both raised \$1.8 million during the campaign as of June 5, according to VPAP.

Lateef

Lateef, a prominent ophthalmologist in Prince William, and chair of the county's school board, has spent the final stretch of the campaign pushing back against a casino in Fairfax County's Tysons Corner and his opponents who support it.

In an interview with Potomac Local News, he called Hashmi and Rouse "Gamblin' Ghazala and Roulette Rouse."

Lateef's opposition to the casino and his interest in helping to alleviate the economic hardships in Southwest Virginia are informed by his childhood, he said.

An eye doctor for more than 35 years, Lateef has served since 2018 as chairman of the school board in Prince William, which has the state's second-largest school system, after Fairfax County. He also has served on the Board of Visitors at the University of Virginia and teaches at George Washington University's Medical School.

He has raised \$1.3 million during the campaign as of June 5, according to VPAP.

Salgado

Victor Salgado, a former federal prosecutor from Arlington County, does not accept donations from corporations and has made campaign finance reform a focus of his campaign.

Salgado, like Lateef, has been raising against Hashmi and Rouse.

The son of Peruvian immigrants, Salgado is a prosecutor of corruption at the state and federal levels for the past nearly 33 years.

At the U.S. Justice Department, Salgado prosecuted former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio in a 2017 criminal trial in which Arpaio was convicted of violating a federal judge's order to stop racially profiling Latinos. President Donald Trump later pardoned Arpaio.

Salgado has raised about \$221,000 during the campaign as of June 5, according to VPAP.

Bastani

Retired attorney and labor leader Alex Bastani is the most progressive candidate in terms of his economic positions and has called himself the Bernie Sanders of the race.

Bastani is advocating for universal health care and a \$20-an-hour minimum wage.

A lawyer and former union president, he also is an actor and an economist who worked at the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 33 years. He led the American Federation of Government Employees Local 12 for 13 years, representing workers at the U.S. Department of Labor.

He has raised the least amount of money of all the candidates, at about \$3,000.

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On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Filing to the Commission ("2025 RPS Filing" or "Petition") in its 2025 RPS Filing. APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D 4 (2025 RPS Plan);
- Approve a revenue requirement of \$68,303,091 for the rate year (March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year")) to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-00166 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order"), as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00029;
- Determine that a new Virginia-based solar power purchase agreement ("PPA") is prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio.

APCO requests future cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO, pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, of one other renewable facility which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year, and:

- Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project totaling approximately 52.2 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities (together "Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 E 1, 20 VAC 5-335-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Governing the Deployment of Energy Storage, and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 et seq.

The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C) Virginia-domiciled renewable generator requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan conforms to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.

APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company ran multiple portfolio optimizations with different resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for this RPS analysis was least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:

- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage, co-located resources, and RECs;
- Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchase described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5;
- Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal plants; and
- Make market REC purchases when advantageous.

Non-Virginia Domiciled Wind Facility to be Owned by APCO

APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Livingston Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Livingston County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Livingston Wind project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," as it is "physically located within the PJM region."

The Company asserts that Livingston Wind will not be in commercial operation during the Rate Year. Therefore, the Company states that it is not requesting recovery of specific costs in this proceeding. APCO requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement "zero rates" to be kept in place until Livingston Wind enters commercial operation.

Solar Power Purchase Agreement

The Company seeks for a solar PPA in part of its 2025 RPS Plan for which it seeks a prudence/determination. The HCE Collier Solar project is a 7.5 MW solar facility located in Wise County.

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

APCO states that the Wythe BESS project is being developed with a nameplate rating of 52.2 MW (capacity) and 208.8 megawatt hours (energy), and will be sited in Wythe County, Virginia. APCO states that the Wythe BESS project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 C, as it is "physically located within the PJM region." The Company states that it seeks Commission approval to acquire and operate the Wythe BESS project, and the granting of a CPCN for the utility-scale battery storage project and associated facilities.

Revenue Requirements and Rate Issues

APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs") of \$66,933,091. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (i) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,038,043 (RAC D) (the revenue requirement of \$6,197,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period")); and (ii) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,886,821.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in the Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$44,002,960, which includes A 5 RPS RAC surcharge revenues, REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the Rider Wind, Water, Sewerlight (Rider WWS) premium for the Bridge Period;
- A 5 RPS PCAP RAC to recover \$4,969,660, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A 6 RPS RAC to recover \$19,960,471 which includes costs associated with the onshore solar and wind facilities (Amos/ Mountaineer).

APCO states that the full impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.36.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission ordered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCO's 2025 RPS Filing, on August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m. in a hearing room located at the Commission's offices. On or before August 6, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) their name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filing out a form on the Commission's website at www.virginia.gov/corps-information/notice-and-hearing; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.virginia.gov/corps-information/notice-and-hearing.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff").

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An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Neale J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or ncoates@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unconfidential copies from the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/corps-information.

On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.virginia.gov/corps-information. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent must submit a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-30 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 advice 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-2025-00049.

On or before July 16, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at www.virginia.gov/corps-information any testimony and exhibits to which the respondent intends to rely at the rate year in 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 sent electronically to Staff the Company, and all other respondents. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including 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-2025-00049.

On or before August 6, 2025, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the 2025 RPS Filing by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/corps-information/public-comment. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at www.virginia.gov/corps-information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

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New report: 302,608 Virginians could lose health insurance

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More than 302,000 Virginians could lose their health benefits under pending and proposed changes to Medicaid and health insurance purchased under the Affordable Care Act, according to a new report by Democrats on a joint congressional committee.

The minority members of the joint Economic Committee issued the report on Tuesday. It is based on estimates from the Congressional Budget Office, or CBO, of the potential effect of a budget reconciliation bill passed by the House of Representatives and now pending in the Senate, as well as the likely loss of enhanced federal subsidies for monthly insurance premiums and other proposed changes for people who depend on health benefit exchanges for coverage.

The joint committee, led by Sen. Maggie Hassan, D-N.H., estimates that the proposed and pending changes would push 166,000 Virginians off of Medicaid and cause 136,583 to lose insurance coverage under the Virginia Health Benefits Exchange, leaving a total of 302,608 more state residents without health insurance coverage.

The report echoes the findings of the CBO report, which estimated that 16 million Americans would lose health coverage under the "One Big Beautiful Bill" now in the Senate, as well as pending and proposed changes to the insurance market under the Affordable Care Act.

"Our initial assessment is they're pretty accurate," said Kevin Patchett, director of the Virginia exchange, in an interview on Wednesday.

Patchett estimates that more than one-third of the people who buy their insurance through the exchange would lose coverage if all of the proposed changes become law. Currently, 37,000 to 40,000 Virginians buy their health insurance through the exchange.

"That's huge!" said Rep. Don Beyer, D-8th, the highest-ranking House Democrat on the joint committee and its former chairman.

The joint committee went further in its analysis to estimate loss of Medicaid and health insurance coverage by congressional district. The estimated losses fall in more rural districts in Southwest and Southside Virginia, which traditionally vote heavily Republican in congressional elections.

For example, an estimated 36,717 people would lose health insurance coverage to the 9th Congressional District, in far Southwest Virginia, followed by the 5th Congressional District, which includes part of Hanover County and outlying counties in the Richmond region, including Cocke, land, Powhatan, Amelia and Nottoway counties, as well as the Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Danville areas. The report estimates that 35,963 would lose coverage — 18,463 under Medicaid and 17,500 under the health insurance exchange.

An estimated 18,043 would lose coverage in the 6th Congressional District, which includes the Shenandoah Valley and Roanoke area, with 17,540 dropping out of Medicaid and 1,200 losing insurance coverage.

President Donald Trump is the primary force behind the "One Big Beautiful Bill," as part of a push with Republican majorities in both chambers of Congress to cut federal spending to partly offset the cost of proposed tax cuts, which the CBO said would still increase the federal budget deficit by \$2.4 trillion over the next decade.

Big bills, tough choices: proposed federal cuts threaten Va.

He and Republican allies say they are saving the Medicaid program by mak-

ing it more efficient and less wasteful, while refraining from triggering a reversal of Medicaid expansion that would have caused more than 640,000 Virginians to lose coverage.

Congressional districts that generally vote Democratic would not be spared from coverage losses under the joint committee analysis. An estimated 31,787 people would lose coverage in the 4th Congressional District, including Richmond and much of its adjoining suburbs; 30,587 under Medicaid and 13,400 under the health insurance exchange.

The 1st Congressional District, a Republican-leaning political battleground that includes parts of Chesterfield, Henrico and Hanover counties, would be less affected, with an estimated 11,467 people losing coverage under Medicaid and 13,000 under the exchange, for a total of 24,467.

Rep. Rob Wittman, R-1st, defended his vote for the budget reconciliation bill and emphasized his efforts to protect Virginians who rely on Medicaid.

"With the House passage of the Big Beautiful Bill, I voted to deliver on a generation investments that will strengthen Medicaid for Americans who need it most, meet rural schools, bolster our national defense, and lower energy costs — all while delivering historic tax relief and preventing the largest tax hike in American history," Wittman said in a statement.

"Throughout the reconciliation process, I fought to protect and preserve Medicaid for Virginia's most vulnerable, and this legislation does just that," he said.

Most of the estimated losses would come under the provisions of the proposed budget reconciliation bill, now in the Senate, but likely to return to the House with proposed changes.

The CBO, in a report issued earlier this month, said that the bill's provisions account for 10.6 million Americans losing health coverage. The remaining 1.1 million people would be affected by the expected loss of enhanced federal premium subsidies at the end of this year, which will make insurance less affordable for more people, and proposed new rules that would make it harder for them to enroll or qualify for premium tax credits.

House Republicans relied primarily on changes to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act to find \$600 billion in savings over the next 10 years from agencies overseen by the House Commerce and Energy Committee. Most of those savings would come from reducing enrollment in those programs.

In Medicaid, more people would have to work at least 40 hours a month, or show a comparable amount of "community engagement" and their eligibility would be subject to review and potential revocations twice a year instead of annually.

Patchett, who runs the Virginia insurance exchange at the State Corporation Commission, said proposed "technical and process changes" would make it much harder for people to apply and qualify for insurance and subsidies under the Affordable Care Act. He also said the changes could cost an additional \$10 million a year for the exchange to administer.

For example, people would have to include proof of their identities and incomes — such as birth certificates, Social Security cards, tax returns and driver's licenses — instead of relying on electronic background checks through Social Security, the IRS and the Department of Homeland Security.

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- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D 4 (2025 RPS Plan);
- Approve a revenue requirement of \$68,333,051 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-00166 (RPS Cost Allocation Order) as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020;
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- Approve future cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO, pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, of one onshore renewable facility which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
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The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C). Virginia-domiciled renewable generator requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular nuclear, and onshore renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.

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APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs") of \$68,333,051. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,038,840; (2) the revenue requirement of \$6,107,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,866,821.

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- A.6 RPS RAC to recover \$10,960,471, which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amos, Top Hat, and Grover Hill).

APCO states that the total impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.38.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

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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 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 6, 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 use to contact you for the hearing. This information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filing out a form at www.virginia.gov/case-information/noticeandhearing, or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.virginia.gov/case-information/webcast.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephonically receive each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m. or at the conclusion of the public witness portion of the hearing, whichever is later, at the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1500 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("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 require electronic service on parties to the proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Conley, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100 Richmond, Virginia 23219, or nconley@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unfiled copies from the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/case-information/2025rps.

On or before July 18, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.virginia.gov/case-information/2025rps. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notices of participation shall include the email address of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80.6, Participation as a respondent of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 at seq. ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the relief sought by the respondent, (ii) a statement of the specific action sought, the extent then known, and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government entity 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-2025-00049.

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The Company's 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at www.virginia.gov/case-information/.

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A demonstrator holds a sign during a "No Kings" protest Saturday in Atlanta.

Protesters take to streets across US

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PHILADELPHIA — Demonstrators crowded into streets, parks and plazas across the U.S. on Saturday to protest President Donald Trump, mixing anti-authoritarian messages with support for immigrants and calls to protect democracy. Organizers of the "No Kings" demonstrations said millions marched in hundreds of events. Governors across the U.S. urged calm and vowed no tolerance for violence, while some mobilized the National Guard ahead of marches gathering. Controversies were isolated.

Atlanta's 5,000-capacity rally quickly reached its limit, with thousands more demonstrators gathered outside barriers to hear speakers in front of the state Capitol. Huge crowds marched in New York, Denver, Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles, some behind "no kings" banners. In Minneapolis, organizers canceled demonstrations as police worked to track down a suspect in the shootings of two Democratic legislators and their spouses.

Intermittent light rain fell as marchers gathered for the flagpole rally in Philadelphia's Love Park. They shouted "Where streets? Our streets!" as they marched to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where they listened to speakers on the steps made famous in the movie "Rocky."

"So what do you say, Philly?" Democratic U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland shouted to the crowd. "Are you ready to fight back? Do you want a gangster state or do you want free speech in America?"

Trump was in Washington for a military parade marking the Army's 250th anniversary that coincides with the president's birthday. There, a massive demonstration lashed the city's streets, led by a banner reading, "Trump must go now."

In Charlotte, North Carolina, demonstrators trying to march through downtown briefly faced off with police forming a barricade with their bicycles, chanting "let us walk," while law enforcement in northern Atlanta deployed tear gas to divert several hundred protesters heading toward Interstate 285. A journalist was seen being detained by officers and police helicopters flew above the crowd.

In some places, organizers handed out little American flags, while others held their flags upside down, a sign of distress. Mexican flags, which have become a fixture of the Los Angeles protests against immigration raids, made an appearance at some demonstration Saturday.

Protests were planned in nearly 2,000 locations

across the country, from city blocks and small towns. In courthouse steps and community parks, organizers said. The 50501 Movement, orchestrating the protests, says it picked the "No Kings" name to support democracy and speak out against what they call the authoritarian actions of the Trump administration. The name 50501 stands for 50 states, 50 protests, one movement.

The demonstrations come on the heels of protests that flared up across the country over federal immigration enforcement raids that began last week and Trump ordering the National Guard and Marines to Los Angeles, where protesters blocked a freeway and set cars on fire.

Philadelphia
Thousands gathered in downtown Love Park, with organizers handing out small American flags and people carried protest signs saying things like "fight oligarchy" and "deport the mini-Mussolini."

Karen Van Trieste, a 61-year-old nurse who drove up from Maryland, said she grew up in Philadelphia and wanted to be with a large group of people showing her support.

"I just feel like we need to defend our democracy," she said. She is concerned about the Trump administration's layoffs of staff at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the fate of immigrant communities and the Trump administration trying to rule by executive order, she said.

A woman wearing a Statue of Liberty t-shirt and led an anti-Trump sing-along, chanting the words "young man" in the song "Y.M.C.A." to "con man."

One man in Revolutionary War era garb and a telnet hat held a sign with a quote often attributed to Thomas Jefferson: "All tyrants need to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent."

Los Angeles
Thousands gathered in front of City Hall in a boisterous crowd, waving signs and listening to a Native American drum circle and dance performances, before marching through the streets.

Signs included "they fear us, don't back down California," "Protesting is not a crime," "We carry dreams not danger" and "KFC out of LA." One demonstrator carried a 2-foot-tall (60-centimeter) Trump pinata on a stick, with a crown on his head and sombrero hanging off his back while another bobsled a huge helium-filled orange baby balloon with blond hair styled like Trump's.

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On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.scc.virginia.gov/cases-information. (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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of each party or their counsel if available. The notice of participation electronically filed shall be deemed to be filed with the Commission, Staff, and all other respondents. 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 nature of the respondent, (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to be taken, (iii) the name and title of the person or entity filing the notice, and (iv) 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 of all parties to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

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During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193 (HB 1526) and 1194 (SB 851) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These duplicate Acts of Assembly, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act ("VCEA"), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, in turn, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") for Appalachian Power Company ("APCO" or "Company") in § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subsection D 4 of Code § 56-585.5 requires APCO to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity ("RPS Filing"). The RPS Filing must also include the Company's plan to meet the energy storage project needs of Code § 56-585.5 E. The Commission must determine whether the RPS Filing is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 56-585.5; (ii) the protection of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth; and associated economic development; and (iii) all savings projected to be achieved by the plan. The Commission's final order regarding any RPS Filing is required by Code § 56-585.5 D 4 to be entered by the Commission not more than six months after the date of such filing.

On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Filing to the Commission ("2025 RPS Filing" or "Petition") in its 2025 RPS Filing. APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D 4 ("2025 RPS Plan");
- Approve a revenue requirement of \$48,933,091 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-01166 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order") as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020;
- Determine that a new Virginia-based solar power purchase agreement ("PPA") is prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio;
- Approve future cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement of one other renewable facility, which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
- Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project totaling approximately 52.2 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities (together "Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 E 1, 20 VAC 5-135-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Governing the Deployment of Energy Storage, and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-285.1 et seq.

The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C) Virginia domestic renewable generation requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificates ("REC") purchases.

APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan the Company ran multiple portfolio optimizations with different resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for the RPS analysis was least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:

- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage, co-located resources, and RECs
- Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchases described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5;
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APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Livingston Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Livingston County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Livingston Wind project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," as it is "physically located within the PJM region."

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APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs"), of \$48,933,091. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,824,840; (2) the revenue requirement of \$41,177,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$48,933,091.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in this Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A.S. RPS RAC to recover \$44,502,080, which includes A.S. RPS RAC surcharge revenues, REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the Rider Wind, Water, Sunlight (Rider WWS) premium for the Bridge Period;
- A.S. RPS-PCAP RAC to recover \$4,869,680, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A.S. RPS RAC to recover \$19,560,411, which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amesent Top Hat and Grover Hill).

APCO states that the full impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.35.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

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The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in the proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCO's 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner supported by the Commission will hold a telephone hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 8, 2025, any person desiring to give 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 a written statement with the Commission's website at www.scc.virginia.gov/notice-and-hearing, or (ii) by calling (804) 371-8141. The public witness hearing will be webcast at www.scc.virginia.gov/notice-and-hearing.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("Day").

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 require electronic service on parties to the proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Houlihan & Coopers, Equate American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1001 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or equate@housco.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/notice-and-hearing.

On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in the proceeding may do so by filing a notice of intervention at www.scc.virginia.gov/notice-and-hearing. Those unable to file a notice of intervention electronically may file such notice 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. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties as they counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. 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 be taken, and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent may 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-2025-00049.

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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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: www.scc.virginia.gov/notice-and-hearing.

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YMCA at Virginia Tech to host region's first-ever drone light show

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The celebration will take place at the Bill Brown Blacksburg High School Football Stadium, with gates opening at 7:30 p.m. Attendees will enjoy complimentary snacks, live pre-show entertainment, and a custom-designed drone light show at 9:15 p.m., provided by the nationally renowned team at Sky Elements.

"Drone light shows are a revolutionizing public entertainment, and we're thrilled to

be the first to bring this experience to the New River Valley," said Ryan Martin, CEO of the YMCA at Virginia Tech. "This event is more than just a celebration — it's a way to honor our history, energize our future, and unite the community around a shared vision for impact."

Sky Elements has delivered awe-inspiring shows across the country for community events, sports franchises, major brands, and artists. Their team of U.S.-based experts will light up the night sky with a stunning visual performance tailored just for this event.

There will also be complimentary snacks and pre-show entertainment.

This unforgettable night is a gift to the community, made possible by generous donors and the ongoing support of YMCA partners. Come witness the sky light up in a dazzling display of innovation, legacy, and community spirit.

YMCA at Virginia Tech

Agape Center earns Feedys Award from Food Lion Feeds

The Agape Center New River Valley in Christiansburg has been awarded the Food Lion Feeding Partner Award by Food Lion Feeds.

Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion's hunger relief platform, recently marked its 10th annual Feedys Awards by honoring a select group of food banks, volunteers, community leaders and Food Lion associates who make a meaningful impact in their communities. This year's honorees were recognized for their outstanding efforts and commitment to addressing food insecurity and helping nourish neighbors across the grocery retailer's 10-state footprint. Food Lion Feeds was founded in 2014 by Food Lion to address food insecurity in the towns and cities it serves.

"We believe no one should have to choose between dinner and rent or gas and groceries," said Kevin Duerker, Manager, Food Lion Feeds. "Food Lion Feeds is a passion for why we're hungry for ending hunger in the towns and cities we serve. During a time when so many families face food insecurity, we are grateful to join forces to provide fresh, nutritious food to our community. The work of our associates and feeding partners is instrumental in our efforts to transform lives and feed families who are

food insecure, and we are honored to demonstrate our appreciation and celebrate their meaningful contributions."

The Food Lion Feeding Partner Award honors a feeding partner that demonstrates outstanding commitment through financial support, innovation, encouragement and motivation for others to take leadership roles in hunger relief programming and community involvement. Since its founding in 2014, the Agape Center New River Valley has grown from a single partnership to a network of 25 partner churches and 10 local businesses, demonstrating a capacity for collaboration and community engagement.

By purchasing and remodeling an old school building, the Agape Center New River Valley has created a multi-purpose facility that distributes food and provides clothing, household goods and life skills education. Their growth has expanded from serving 175 families a month to more than 100. A recently secured grant allowed them to install a new cooler, enabling further expansion and ensuring it the distinction of being the only FDA-approved food bank in Christiansburg.

Food Lion Feeds



LEGAL NOTICE

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On or before July 18, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.psc.virginia.gov/submit-testimony. Those unable to do so in a practical matter may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties as they counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-40.5, Participation as a respondent of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 at 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 be taken; (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation or government body participating as a respondent may 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-2025-00049.

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YMCA at Virginia Tech

New Mount Olive Church hosts fish fry this Saturday

RADFORD - New Mount Olive United Methodist Church is hosting its latest fish fry this Saturday, June 21. The New Mount Olive Methodist Church Men's group hosts the fish fry, and cooks all the food from scratch. The fry is set for 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the church, located at 309 Russell Ave. in Radford. The menu and prices include two pieces of deep-fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Fish and chips \$7, includes one piece of fish or a bun with coleslaw. Extra piece of fish \$5. For call-in orders call the church at (540) 639-6425. Delivery is also available only in the Radford area.

The menu and prices are: Dinner: \$15. www.ourvalley.org

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BLUE RIDGE

Boy arrested after vehicle pursuit, crash

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Botetourt County sheriff's deputies on patrol late Friday pursued a vehicle speeding on U.S. 460 until it crashed into a construction barrier at a sheet under construction in Blue Ridge, according to the sheriff's office.

After the crash at approximately 11:45 p.m., two people left the wrecked vehicle and fled, dropping firearms along the way. The vehicle later determined to have been stolen from Campbell County, had been traveling 87 mph in a 60 mph zone.

The sheriff's office deployed a Tactical K-9 Tracking Team, focusing on the Rainbow Forest and Knollwood neighborhoods. More weapons were recovered during the search. The county warned residents in the affected neighborhoods through its Code Red public alerting notification system. Multiple sightings of the suspects were reported overnight, many of which were confirmed by residential doorbell camera footage, the sheriff's office said.

Just after 6 a.m. Saturday, deputies caught a 16-year-old boy from Lynchburg in woods near Gospel Light Baptist Church off Alternate U.S. 220. A second suspect is believed to have escaped by stealing a vehicle in the Knollwood neighborhood earlier Saturday morning. Deputies are working with surrounding jurisdictions in the effort to locate the second suspect.

CULPEPER

Police: Culpeper man drives SUV through crowd

Man charged, no injuries reported

ALLISON BROPHY CHAMBERLIN

CULPEPER — A person at a No Kings protest was struck by a vehicle Saturday in Culpeper as a crowd was dispersing near the end of the gathering on the sidewalk in front of Walmart.

Police said no injuries were reported and they don't know who was hit, but a Culpeper man has been taken into custody in the incident.

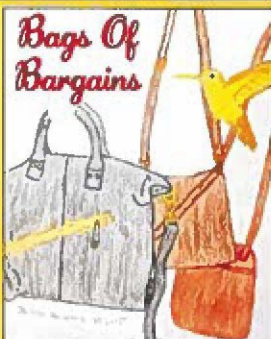
Culpeper Police Department officers were in the area of 801 James Madison Highway on June 14 monitoring the conclusion of a lawful protest event organized by Culpeper Democrats as part of a nationwide movement protesting Trump Administration policies. The protest demonstration was held 10 a.m. to noon along the busy commercial corridor.

As participants were leaving the area and crossing

the Walmart parking lot, law enforcement observed an SUV vehicle drive recklessly through the crowd. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and identified the driver as Joseph R. Checklick Jr., 21, of Culpeper.

Based on the preliminary investigation, it was determined the motorist intentionally accelerated his vehicle into the dispersing crowd, striking at least one person with his vehicle. At this time, no injuries were reported to law enforcement, nor has the person that Checklick struck with his vehicle been identified by law enforcement, the release stated.

Culpeper Police Department arrested and charged Checklick with reckless driving. He appeared before a magistrate and was held without bond at the Culpeper County Jail. Additional charges may be filed in the future, according to the release.



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During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193, 1194, 1195, and 1196 of the 2020 Virginia Code of Assembly. These chapters, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act (VCEA), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, *inter alia*, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) for Appalachian Power Company (APCO) or "Company," in § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subdivision D 4 of Code § 56-585.5 requires APCO to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity (RPS Filings). The RPS Filings must also include the Company's plan to meet the energy storage project targets of Code § 56-585.5 E. The Commission must determine whether the RPS Filings are reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon decarbonization requirements in Code § 56-585.5, (ii) the promotion of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth, and associated economic development, and (iii) the savings projected to be achieved by the plan. The Commission's final order regarding any RPS Filing is required by Code § 56-585.5 D 4 to be entered by the Commission not more than six months after the date of such filing.

On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Filing to the Commission ("2025 RPS Filing" or "Petition") in its 2025 RPS Filing. APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D 4 ("2025 RPS Plan");
- Approve a revenue requirement of \$88,933,991 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-02168 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order") as modified in Case No. PUR-2324-00020;
- Determine that a new Virginia-based solar power purchase agreement ("PPA") is prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio;
- Approve future cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, of one other renewable facility, which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
- Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project totaling approximately 52.2 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities (together, "Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 E 1, 20 VAC 5-335-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Governing the Development of Energy Storage, and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-295.1 et seq.

The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C), Virginia-domiciled renewable generator requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan consists to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactors, and market renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.

APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company ran multiple portfolio optimizations with a variety of resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for this RPS analysis was least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:

- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage, co-located resources, and RECs;
- Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchase described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5;
- Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal plants; and
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Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

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Revenue Requirement and Rate Issues

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APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in this Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

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- A.5 RPS PCAP RAC to recover \$4,869,860, which includes the capacity related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A.6 RPS RAC to recover \$10,060,471 which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amos, Mt. Mt., and Overton H&S).

APCO states that the bid impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.36.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

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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 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephone hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 6, 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 www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information/notice-and-hearing, or (ii) by calling (804) 371-3141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information/notice-and-hearing.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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, 1500 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("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 requires electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Costas, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1061 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or njcostas@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information. 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 State Corporation Commission, (c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties, or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. 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 be taken, (iii) the basis for the claim, and (iv) the factual and legal basis for the claim. 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-2025-00049.

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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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at www.scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

Juneteenth celebration honors Black women

The River District Association will host its 2025 True North Speaker Series Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, highlighting the contributions of Black women in the community.

The event will take place from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at The Arc Family Life Center in Danville. It will honor the roles Black women have played in entrepreneurship, economics, health, and community development throughout the region's history.

"This series was born from a deep desire to uplift and honor the voices of Black women who are making real change in our communities," said Lashawn Farmer, the association's director of design and expansion.

The monthly True North Speaker Series, which airs on the North Main Business District Facebook page, has featured Black women leaders in business, civic life, and community work.

The Juneteenth celebration will include a vendor marketplace with Black-owned businesses, panel discussions on leadership and entrepreneurship, networking opportunities, and artistic performances. While the event focuses on honoring Black women, Farmer said it is open to people of all backgrounds.

"This event is a reflection of our collective progress, and the powerful impact Black women have when given space to lead and thrive," she said.

The River District Association works to transform Danville's River District and North Main Business Corridor into a welcoming, inclusive space while promoting economic and social development in the Dan River Region.

Registration is encouraged at <https://bit.ly/RDATrueNorth2025Registration>. For more information, contact Lashawn Farmer at lashawnfarmer@riverdistrictassociation.com or 434-791-0210.



Danville Riverview Rotary welcomes guests

John Will was the speaker-performer at the June 5 Danville Riverview Rotary meeting. Will reviewed his performance background in choral groups, church choir, stage plays (Cabaret, Evita, Kismet), entertaining various community organizations (Pilot Club, Danville Golf Club, Lions Club, Rotary, Crime Stoppers), entertaining residents at seven assisted-living facilities in Danville, 25 one-man shows in Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas and Kihel, Walluku and Kahului, Maui community theaters, talent shows including Hawaii Stars and 20 years of in-person and virtual auditioning experiences for the popular television show America's Got Talent (A.G.T.). Crooner Will reviewed the composer and lyricist history of several Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett classic songs and he performed one-minute segments of Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett's hit songs including: Come Fly With Me, Witchcraft, Just in Time, Examin' the Blues, Night and Day, That Old Black Magic, That's Life, New York, New York, Mack the Knife, Fly Me to the Moon, Nice & Easy, The Second Time Around, I Wanna Be Around, Body and Soul and Who Can I Turn To. Pictured with Crooner Will is Mike Mendul, President of the Danville Riverview Rotary civic organization.

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in to pick and sing old time mountain music at the gazebo (weather permitting) or inside the courthouse. Information: 276-773-3111 or 190scourthouse@gmail.com

THURSDAY MUSIC JAMS AT FRIES THEATER

The Historic Fries Theater holds music jam sessions every Thursday starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. The community is invited, and you can bring an instrument and join the fun. Admission is free. 316 W. Main Street in Fries. Information: 276-235-9286.

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. 475 White Pine Rd. in Galax. Information: matthewsfarm@gmail.com; 276-773-3080; matthewsfarmmuseum.org

FREE MOVIES AT THE REX

The historic Rex Theater in Galax offers Free Movie Nights every Wednesday, starting at 6 p.m. Ticket prices and full schedule at www.rextheater.com. The Rex is at 113 E. Grayson St. Information: info@rextheater.com

- June 18: "Sweet Home Alabama"
- June 25: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
- July 2: "Madagascar"

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 williamglover4@hotmail.com or 276-233-8955.

GENEALOGY CLUB OPEN WEEKLY

The Carroll County Genealogy Club is open 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 276-265-9016; write to P.O. Box 395, Hillsville, VA 24343; email carroll.vagenalogy@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.

EXERCISE PROGRAM MEETS TUESDAYS

THE PONTY (Parkinson's Only, Never Yield) exercise program at the Curtis Bartlett Fitness Center in Galax meets Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at noon. For more information, call 704-239-5080.

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 srichardson091@icloud.com.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETINGS

Grayson County Friends of the Library meetings are held in person at the Grayson County Public Library and online via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the following months: February, April, June, August, September and November. The annual meeting is held in September. Meetings are open to the public. Email graysoncountyfriends@gmail.com to attend meetings via Zoom.

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. Lighthearted, 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 and jackpot games. Doors open at 5 p.m. Refreshments are available. Information: 276-233-6990.

Galax Bingo is held Tuesdays at Moose Lodge #733, 1114 East Stuart Drive in Galax. Doors open at 5 p.m. Five early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m. Twelve regular games start at 7 p.m., plus two progressive games, one speed game and one jackpot game. Concessions are available. Information: Galax Moose Lodge 733 on Facebook.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES OFFERED

Adult education (GED) classes are held at the GATE Center on Davis Street in Independence on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. Classes are sponsored by the Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education Program. Information: 1-800-322-7748.

PARKINSON'S & ESSENTIAL TREMOR GROUP MEETS

St. Joseph's Parkinson's and Essential Tremor Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Woodlawn. Join with others who are dealing with PD and ET at an informal, non-denominational gathering with snacks and beverages. For more information, call Mary Ann Riccioello at 276-728-0130 or Stephen Turner at 276-728-8221.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A PETITION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025 RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD (RPS) PLAN UNDER § 56-585.5 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND RELATED REQUESTS CASE NO. PUR-2025-00049

During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193 (HB 1526) and 1194 (SB 851) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These chapters, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act ("VCEA"), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, *inter alia*, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") for Appalachian Power Company ("APCO" or "Company") in § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subsection D (4) of Code § 56-585.5 requires APCO to submit, annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity ("RPS Filings"). The RPS Filings must also include the Company's plan to meet the energy storage project targets of Code § 56-585.5 E. The Commission must determine whether the RPS Filing is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 56-585.5; (ii) the promotion of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth; and associated economic development; and (iii) full savings projected to be achieved by the plan. The Commission's final order regarding any RPS Filing is required by Code § 56-585.5 D (4) to be entered by the Commission not more than six months after the date of such filing.

On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Filing in the Commission ("2025 RPS Filing" or "Petition"). In its 2025 RPS Filing, APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D (4) ("2025 RPS Plan");
- Approve a revenue requirement of \$68,933,091 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanism and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-01168 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order"), as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020;
- Determine that a new Virginia-based solar power purchase agreement ("PPA") is prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio;
- Approve future cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO, pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, of one new renewable facility, which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
- Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project totaling approximately 52 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities (together, "Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 E. 1. 20 VAC 5-335-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Governing the Deployment of Energy Storage and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 et seq.

The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C), eligible domestic renewable generation requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.

APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company ran multiple portfolio optimization with different resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for this RPS analysis was least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:

- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage co-located resources, and RECs;
- Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchase described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5;
- Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal plants; and
- Make market REC purchases when advantageous.

New-Virginia-Registered Wind Facility to be Owned by APCO

APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Livingston Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Livingston County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Livingston Wind project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," as it is "physically located within the PJM region."

The Company asserts that Livingston Wind will not be in commercial operation during the Rate Year. Therefore, the Company states that it is not requesting recovery of specific costs in this proceeding. APCO requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement "zero rates" to be kept in place until Livingston Wind enters commercial operation.

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The Company sets forth a solar PPA as part of its 2025 RPS Plan for which it seeks a prudency determination. The HCE Collier Solar project is a 7.5 MW solar facility located in Wise County.

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

APCO states that the Wythe BESS project is being developed with a nameplate rating of 52.2 MW (capacity) and 208.8 megawatt hours (energy), and will be sited in Wythe County, Virginia. APCO states that the Wythe BESS project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 C, as it is "physically located within the PJM region." The Company states that it seeks Commission approval to acquire and operate the Wythe BESS project, and the granting of a CPCN for the utility-scale battery storage project and associated facilities.

Revenue Requirement and Rate Impact

APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs"), of \$68,933,091. The Company states that the revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,838,940; (2) the revenue requirement of \$6,127,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,866,821.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in this Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A.5 RPS RAC to recover \$44,002,860, which includes A.5 RPS RAC surcharge revenues, REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the Roder Wind, Water, Sunlight (Roder WYWS) premium for the Bridge Period;
- A.5 RPS-PCAP RAC to recover \$4,989,680, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A.6 RPS RAC to recover \$19,960,471 which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amherst, Top Hat, and Grover Hall).

APCO states that the bill impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.36.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may appoint reviewers among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner offering form that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCO's 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 6, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) their 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 www.virginia.gov/state-information/hearingtestimony; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.virginia.gov/state-information/webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 23218, the Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("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 requires electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Hoelle J. Cates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 James Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or regaffairs@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: www.virginia.gov/state-information.

On or before July 18, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.virginia.gov/state-information. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of each party or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. 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 d. 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-2025-00049.

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The Company's 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at www.virginia.gov/state-information.

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On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in the proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at www.scc.virginia.gov/notice-and-hearing. 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, c/o the Commission, c/o the Commission, c/o the Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Commission Staff, and all other respondents. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-40 B, participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-40 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-2025-00048.

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The Company's 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed at www.scc.virginia.gov/notice-and-hearing.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Public County Planning Commission will have a regular business meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be at the Francis & Henry Community College (Student Union) in the Community Room.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. CL12500167-00
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA CODE § 1-1-1, 8-01-316, 317, 28-104
Patrick County Court, 101 West Main Street, Stuart, VA 24171
ESTATE OF KATHLEEN A. WILSON, DECEASED
JASON MORRIS SMITH, TRUSTEES
TRAVIS COMPTON, JR., TRUSTEES

The object of this suit is to OBTAIN PROPER SERVICE UPON UNKNOWN PARTIES. It is ORDERED that ANY PARTIES UNKNOWN WHO HAVE INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CASE appear at the above named court and present a list of their names on or before July 17, 2025.

JUNE 9, 2023

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION Case No. CL12500155-00
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VA CODE § 1-1-1, 8-01-316, 317, 28-104
Marshall County Court, 51 N. Church Street, Martinsburg, VA 26152
VALERIE W. BRYANT, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, UNKNOWN HEIRS

The object of this suit is to FOR THE COURT TO DETERMINE WHO IS THE OWNER OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 411 FALLOTT ST., CITY OF MARTINSBURG, VIRGINIA. THE HEIR CLAIMANTS OF JAMES WILLIAM HODGE, JR. DECEASED, AND JAMES CHRISTOPHER HODGE, MAY OWN AN INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY TO DETERMINE WHO OWNS THIS PROPERTY THE PLAINTIFF IN THIS CASE IS ASKING THE COURT TO ORDER DEAN OUTLAWPOTTER IN THE WILL OF LUCILLE HODGE, DECEASED IN ORDER TO ASSESS AND PROTECT THEIR POTENTIAL RIGHTS OF INHERITANCE. ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES THEY ARE AN HEIR OF JAMES WILLIAM HODGE, JR. AND/OR JAMES CHRISTOPHER HODGE, JR. IS ORDERED that JOHN DOE, JANE DOE, & UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES W. HODGE, JR. appear at the above named court and present a list of their names on or before August 1, 2023.

JUNE 9, 2023

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SPECIAL EVENTS

Customer appreciation event is June 21
R&D Curiousities & Oddities, 121 W. Grayson St. in downtown Galax, will have its 4th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Sale with a 15% off storewide sale on June 21 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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: matthewsfarmmusem.org, 276-773-3080, matthewsfarmmusem.org.

Free movies at The Rex
The historic Rex Theater in Galax offers Free Movie Nights every Wednesday, starting at 6 p.m. Ticket prices and full schedule at www.rextheater.com. The Rex is at 113 E. Grayson St. Information: info@rextheater.com.
- June 18: "Sweet Home Alabama"
- June 25: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"

Free movies at Hillsville VFW
Monthly free drive-in movies at Hillsville VFW Post, 701 W. Stuart Dr., Hillsville. Start times vary. June 21: "Guardians of the Galaxy" (PG-13).

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 wglover4@hotmail.com or 276-233-8955.

Genealogy club open weekly
The Carroll County Genealogy Club is open 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 276-233-8955.

call 704-239-5080.

Rosenwald Revamped meets monthly
Rosenwald Revamped, a group working to preserve and revitalize the old Rosenwald-Felt 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 srichardson6918@gmail.com.

Friends of the Library meetings
Grayson County Friends of the Library meetings are held in person at the Grayson County Public Library and online via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the following months: February, April, June, August, September and November. The annual meeting is held in September. Meetings are open to the public. graysoncountyfriends@gmail.com to attend meetings via Zoom.

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 and jackpot games. Doors open at 5 p.m. Refreshments are available information: 276-233-6990. Galax Bingo is held Tuesdays at Moose Lodge 4713, 1114 East Stuart Drive in Galax. Doors open at 5 p.m. Five early bird games begin at 6:30 p.m. Twelve regular games start at 7 p.m., plus two progressive games, one speed game and one jackpot game. Concessions are available. Information: Galax Moose Lodge 733 on Facebook.

Adult education classes offered
Adult education (GED) classes are held at the GALE Center on Davis Street in Independence on Thursdays from 2-5 p.m. Classes are sponsored by the Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education Program. Information: 1-800-322-7748.

Parkinson's & Essential Tremor group meets
St. Joseph's Parkinson's and Essential Tremor Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Woodlawn. Join with others who are dealing with PD and ET at an informal, non-denominational gathering with snacks and beverages. For more information, call

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During its 2020 Session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted Chapters 1193 (HB 1526) and 1194 (SB 851) of the 2020 Virginia Acts of Assembly. These duplicate Acts of Assembly, known as the Virginia Clean Economy Act ("VCEA"), became effective on July 1, 2020. The VCEA, inter alia, establishes a mandatory renewable energy portfolio standard ("RPS") for Appalachian Power Company ("APCO" or "Company") in § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Subdivision D 4 of Code § 56-585.5 requires APCO to submit annually to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") plans and petitions for approval of new solar and onshore wind generation capacity ("RPS Filings"). The RPS Filing must also include the Company's plan to meet the energy storage project targets of Code § 56-585.5 E. The Commission must determine whether the RPS Filing is reasonable and prudent, giving due consideration to the following factors: (i) the RPS and carbon dioxide reduction requirements in Code § 56-585.3 (a) the promotion of new renewable generation and energy storage resources within the Commonwealth and associated economic development, and (ii) fuel savings projected to be achieved by the plan. The Commission's final order regarding any RPS Filing is required by Code § 56-585.5 D 4 to be entered by the Commission not more than six months after the date of such filing.

On May 21, 2025, APCO completed the filing of its annual RPS Filing to the Commission ("2025 RPS Filing" or "Petition") in its 2025 RPS Filing. APCO requests that the Commission:

- Approve the Company's annual plan for the development of new solar, wind, and energy storage resources pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 D 4 ("2025 RPS Plan");
 - Approve a revenue requirement of \$68,933,091 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-00186 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order"), as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020;
 - Determine that a new Virginia-based solar power purchase agreement ("PPA") is prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio;
 - Approve future cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO, pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, of one other renewable facility, which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
 - Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project located in Virginia, pursuant to the requirements ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities (together, "Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 E 1, 20 VAC 5-335-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Concerning the Deployment of Energy Storage, and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-285.1 et seq.
- The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C1, Virginia-domiciled renewable generator requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E)). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.
- APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company ran multiple portfolio optimizations with different resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for the RPS analysis was least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:
- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage co-located resources; and RECs;
 - Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchases described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5;
 - Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Assets and Mountaineer coal plants; and
 - Make market REC purchases when advantageous.

Non-Virginia-Domiciled Wind Facility to be Owned by APCO

APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Livingston Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Livingston County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Livingston Wind project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," as it is "physically located within the PJM region."

The Company asserts that Livingston Wind will not be in commercial operation during the Rate Year. Therefore, the Company states that it is not requesting recovery of specific costs in this proceeding. APCO requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement "zero rates" to be kept in place until Livingston Wind enters commercial operation.

Solar Power Purchase Agreement

The Company has entered a solar PPA as part of its 2025 RPS Plan for which it seeks a prudence determination. The HCE Collier Solar project is a 7.5 MW solar facility located in Wise County.

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

APCO states that the Wythe BESS project is being developed with a nameplate rating of 52.7 MW (capacity) and 206.8 megawatt hours (energy), and will be sited in Wythe County, Virginia. APCO states that the Wythe BESS project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 C, as it is "physically located within the PJM region." The Company states that it seeks Commission approval to acquire and operate the Wythe BESS project, and the granting of a CPCN for the utility-scale battery storage project and associated facilities.

Revenue Requirement and Rate Issues

APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs") of \$68,933,091. The Company states that the revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,338,940; (2) the revenue requirement of \$6,127,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,866,821.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in this Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$44,002,860, which includes A 5 RPS RAC surcharge revenues, REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the Rider Wind, Winter Sunlight (Rider WWS) premium for the Bridge Period;
- A 5 RPS-PCAP RAC to recover \$4,969,660, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$19,960,471 which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Antietam, Top Hat, and Grover Hall).

APCO states that the full impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month would be an increase of \$4.36.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCO's 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephone hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 6, 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. The information may be provided to the Commission: (i) by filing out a form on the Commission's website at www.virginia.gov/corps-information/webinars; or (ii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at www.virginia.gov/corps-information/webcasts.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company.

One Nation Under God

By Danielle Rod

No King but King Jesus

Last week, once again the radical left found a way to ignite, amuse and deceive the American people using the tactics of the "King of Marxist Manipulation," Saul Alinsky. Alinsky wrote the book *Rules for Radicals* which describes in detail how to bring about change through deception, ridicule, fear tactics and confusion culminating in chaos.

The No King day of June 11th was a demonstration organized by radicals, young Marxist tactics. The organizers specifically planned it on the day of the U.S. Army 250th Anniversary and Parade and the 79th birthday of U.S. President J. Donald Trump. It was intentionally held on this specific day to draw attention for America's history and values, and in an attempt to humiliate President Trump in his birthday.

No doubt, it is a parody of the American Revolution's heart, its motto and rallying cry, "No King but King Jesus," which affirmed not only to Britain's King George's oppression of the American Colonists, but also to the sovereignty of Jesus over the American Colonies.

The most malicious use of these tactics can be found at Saul Alinsky's Marxist play book, *Rules for Radicals*, which is dedicated to Lucifer Alinsky credits Lucifer as the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did so effectively that he at last won his own kingdom." Saul Alinsky (1909).

Implementing various terrorism and violent, the extreme left doctrine, dehumanization, dehumanize and seek to utterly destroy anyone who disagrees with their non traditional concepts. Remember during the 2020 election cycle being called racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, and a "bastard of capitalism" because of your traditional values? It was an attempt to make the left's opponents appear to be the evils of the people, and crush their traditional values replacing them with their "anything goes" culture. No King day is clearly a replay.

If you see the nation being torn apart by lawlessness, racial strife, gender confusion, fatherless families, open border policies, and a crumbling economy that's exactly where those who want to destroy our culture and country want us.

It is refreshing when you realize that the left is replaying Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals* right out of the play book. Here are some rules that you may recognize as being used to cause chaos, upheaval and unrest in America.

Rule 1. Power is not only what you have, but what an opponent fears you will take away.

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our own bureaucratic processes are our weakness.

As head of the U.S. National Defense Association, Nathan D. Frazier, writes, the system for acquiring defense resources is "seriously flawed, overly bureaucratic and resistant to innovation."

We'll have to focus more on defense, not inventory detection to counter drone capabilities. The problem with using missiles to defeat drones is the asymmetry in expense — an \$M2 missile costs thousands, whereas a Houthis drone costs thousands. And drone swarms could overcome a battery of missiles.

This is the reason why the work of new generation defense firms like Iperion, which has developed a scalable high power microwave technology platform that can knock a swarm of drones from the sky is so important.

When happening in the Ukraine war the new human conflict. It is a sign of such war could get reduced to rubble, your first get sent to the bottom of the ocean or a key of your nuclear play thing is destroyed.

Rock Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Sports & more



Photo courtesy/Brian Harrell Courier

Dynamic duo: Richlands High's Cooper Hurst, left, and Jack Clem are the VHSL Class 1/2 doubles champions in 2025. Both are juniors.

Richlands duo of Clem, Cooper win state title

Clem upset in bid for third straight singles championship

Jack Clem teamed with Cooper Hurst to capture the VHSL Class 1-2 boys doubles tennis title at Liberty University in Lynchburg.

Clem and Hurst, both juniors, rolled Floyd County's Cole Howard and Hank Schroeder 6-1, 6-2 in the finals. In the semifinals, the RHS duo blanked Brady Barr and Jacob Cooper from Central-Woodstock, 6-0, 6-0. Clem and Hurst had lost in the finals of the 2024 doubles tournament.

Singles: In the boys' singles championship, Clem was dealt the first singles loss of his high school career with a 6-2, 7-5 setback against Chris Schweitzer from traditional power Branson.

In last year's singles championship match, Clem rolled past Schweitzer in straight sets.

Clem's dominant run at the high school level includes the past two state singles crowns. He won his singles semifinal match, 6-0, 6-0 over Central-Woodstock's Barr.

Class 2 soccer: Graham girls fall in semifinals

Clarke County stopped Graham 4-0 in the VHSL Class 2 girls' soccer semifinals at Roanoke College in Salem.

Ella Dales, a senior, owns the VHSL scoring record with 219 goals, but none came against the Eagles, a three-time state champion. The G-Girls ended the season with a 22-2 record.

Clarke County outshot Graham 12-1 in the first half, but the score was tied 0-0 the break.

The Eagles scored all four goals in a 20-minute span from the 30-minute mark to the 70th.

The G-Girls defeated Chatham 5-2 in a quarterfinal matchup at East River Soccer Complex.

With the setback against Dales, Graham got a pair of goals from Cadence Owen and a goal from Sophie Scarborough to go with a pair from Dales.



Ella Dales

All-Region 1D: Grundy's Ryleigh Church on first team

Grundy High's standout Ryleigh Church was named to the 2025 All-Region 1D softball first team.

Second team selections: Grundy's Sophia Belcher (pitcher, jr.) and Leah Kasanek (shortstop, sr.), Council's Candace Runyon (pitcher, jr.), Harley's Ryleigh Jackson (pitcher, sr.), Kesha Hagerman (catcher, fr.), Christa Wolford (2nd base, soph.) and Jayda Stacy (DP, soph.) and Twin Valley's Leya Vanover (outfield, sr.).

Buchanan County's baseball was shut out from the All-Region 1D first team, but Grundy High had three seniors make the second team: Talan Hall (pitcher and shortstop), Brady Deel (outfield) and Logan Boyd (DH).

Honorable mention: Mason Boyd, Ayden Whitford and Bryce Looney from Grundy; and Lukas Dotson, Henry Deel and Brannon Mullins from Twin Valley.

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APCo states that the full impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kwh/month per month would be an increase of \$4.35.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

Thursday is Federally Recognized Juneteenth Holiday

Rep. Morgan Griffith
Ninth District

Thursday, June 19th marks America's celebration of Juneteenth. The national holiday is meant to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States.

Interestingly, this date does not signify the official nationwide end to slavery.

Slavery was a fairly common practice, even in the North, as the United States transitioned from its colonial period to its independence.

In fact, full emancipation would not be granted until 1827 in New York and 1847 in Pennsylvania.

According to the Equal Justice Initiative website, even after Congress abolished the Atlantic Slave Trade in 1807, traders from Massachusetts and other states continued activities trafficking Africans.

In the first half of the nineteenth century, the abolition movement which advocated for the freedom of slaves spread. In the North, prominent abolitionists, like Frederick Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison, gained many supporters, mostly in the North.

Debate over slavery intensified in the halls of Congress as the country grew and admitted new states. The admission of "free" states and "slave" states complicated legislative efforts and national unity.

During the American Civil War on New Year's Day of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Proclamation declared "all persons held as slaves" in states that were in "rebellion against the United States" were free.

The Proclamation could not be enforced at that time, as the South did not recognize Lincoln's order.

In addition, the Proclamation did not apply to border states which had not seceded from the Union.

Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Washington D.C., were all slave holding areas, but they did not secede from the Union. Accordingly, the slaves in those areas were not freed as a result of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Therefore, slavery was still practiced in both the Union and the Confederacy during the Civil War.

West Virginia separated from the Commonwealth of Virginia during the Civil War. On June 20, 1863, the U.S. Congress formally recognized West Virginia as a state.

After General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court-house in April 1865, others in the South

followed suit in laying down their arms.

Accordingly, the path to freedom could commence and/or continue for many slaves. Juneteenth focuses on those in Galveston, Texas.

Galveston's slave community was unaware of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. On June 19, 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, where they notified the local slave population that they were free.

However, more progress had to be made to fully destroy the institution of slavery in the United States.

The U.S. Constitution amendment that abolished slavery, the Thirteenth Amendment, was ratified by the States in 1865, but not until December, well after Union Troops arrived in Galveston.

As the Reconstruction era continued, the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments soon followed to expand rights to slaves.

Despite these significant milestones, Juneteenth always resonated within the African American community as the major date to celebrate their freedom.

For many years even before its birth as a national holiday, Juneteenth celebrations were commonplace in many African American communities.

Of those to launch such celebrations in Southwest Virginia, I remember my friend and former colleague in the Virginia House of Delegates, Onziele Ware.

The two of us were often on opposite sides of legislative efforts. We differed in policy ideas and beliefs.

As a result of knowing each other while practicing law in the Roanoke Valley, Delegate Ware and I became friends. We were not afraid to work across the aisle to get things done for the people we represented in the Roanoke Valley.

Accordingly, Delegate Ware, the first Black legislator from the Western part of Virginia, invited me to a Juneteenth celebration that he organized.

Because of his invitation, I began to recognize the importance of this day.

I appreciated Delegate Ware for the invitation and the opportunity to spend time with the community that spread awareness about Juneteenth.

While Delegate Ware has since passed away, my memories of him and his leadership in making me and many others in Southwest Virginia aware of the importance of Juneteenth will always remain.

Folks in the Ninth District commemorating Juneteenth include

the Payette Area Historical Initiative in Martinville. I visited them last year during

their Juneteenth celebration. There will be many other such celebrations

in Southwest Virginia this year. To everyone in the Ninth District, no mat-

ter your heritage, I hope on this Juneteenth you will reflect on the value of freedom.

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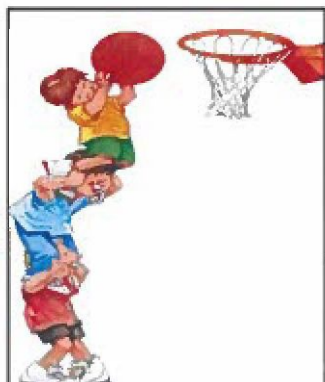
An ocean of stories

Children's Book Week was observed during story time at the Pearisburg Public Library on May 9. The theme was An Ocean of Stories. This special week is observed each May and November and was developed in 1919 to highlight the importance of books in the lives of all children.



Happy young readers

Story time was held at the Pearisburg Public Library on May 9. Linda Woodyard read several stories about the ocean environment along with several other books.



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- Approve a revenue requirement of \$68,933,091 for the rate year of March 2026 through February 2027 ("Rate Year") to be recovered through the mechanisms and methodology previously approved by the Commission in the Final Order in Case No. PUR-2022-00166 ("RPS Cost Allocation Order"), as modified in Case No. PUR-2024-00020.
- Determine that a new Virginia-based solar power purchase agreement ("PPA") is prudent and can be added to the Company's RPS compliance portfolio.
- Approve a cost recovery related to the acquisition by APCO pursuant to a Purchase and Sale Agreement, of one other renewable facility which is not located in Virginia and will not be online during the Rate Year; and
- Grant the Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") to acquire and operate a utility-scale battery storage project totaling approximately 52.2 megawatts ("MW") of energy storage and associated facilities (together, "Wythe BESS") pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 E 1, 20 VAC 5-305-30 A of the Commission's Regulations Governing the Deployment of Energy Storage, and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 et seq.

The Company states that to meet the requirements of the VCEA, its 2025 RPS Plan includes multiple scenarios to help inform future requests for proposals for renewable and storage resources, and that all scenarios meet the RPS goals (Subsection C), Virginia-domiciled renewable generator requirements (Subsection D), and the energy storage requirements (Subsection E). APCO states that the 2025 RPS Plan continues to support a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources consisting of solar, wind, small modular reactor, and market renewable energy certificate ("REC") purchases.

APCO states that in developing the 2025 RPS Plan, the Company ran multiple portfolio optimizations with different resources available. The Company further states that each of the portfolios modeled for this RPS analysis was the least cost, in compliance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024 rules, and included owned and PPA resources to meet annual VCEA renewable and energy storage targets through an optimal selection of diverse resources over the planning horizon. According to APCO, its action plan under the 2025 RPS Plan is to:

- Issue requests for proposals for onshore wind, solar, and energy storage, co-located resources, and RECs.
- Pursue lowest cost compliance options consistent with the allocation percentages for construction or purchase described in Subsection D of Code § 56-585.5.
- Continue to monitor changes to environmental rules for further evaluation related to compliance of the Company's Amos and Mountaineer coal plants; and
- Make market REC purchases when advantageous.

Non-Virginia-Domiciled Wind Facility to be Owned by APCO

APCO proposes to own a wind facility outside of Virginia, the Livingston Wind project, which is being developed as a 261 MW facility located in Livingston County, Ohio. APCO asserts that the Livingston Wind project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," as it is "physically located within the PJM region."

The Company asserts that Livingston Wind will not be in commercial operation during the Rate Year. Therefore, the Company states that it is not requesting recovery of specific costs in this proceeding. APCO requests that the Commission authorize the Company to implement "zero rates" to be kept in place until Livingston Wind enters commercial operation.

Solar Power Purchase Agreement

The Company sets forth a solar PPA as part of its 2025 RPS Plan for which it seeks a prudence determination. The HCE Collier Solar project is a 7.5 MW solar facility located in Wise County.

Utility-Scale Battery Storage Project

APCO states that the Wythe BESS project is being developed with a nameplate rating of 52.2 MW (capacity) and 208.8 megawatt hours (energy) and will be sited in Wythe County, Virginia. APCO states that the Wythe BESS project qualifies as an "RPS eligible source," pursuant to Code § 56-585.5 C, as it is "physically located within the PJM region." The Company states that it seeks Commission approval to acquire and operate the Wythe BESS project, and the granting of a CPCN for the utility-scale battery storage project and associated facilities.

Revenue Requirements and Rate Impact

APCO seeks approval to recover the Rate Year revenue requirement, through the RPS rate adjustment clauses ("RACs"), of \$68,933,091. The Company states that this revenue requirement consists of: (1) the under-recovery of costs through January 2025 in the amount of \$7,938,940; (2) the revenue requirement of \$6,127,330 for the period February 2025 through February 2026 ("Bridge Period"); and (3) the VCEA Rate Year revenue requirement of \$54,866,821.

APCO states that the cost allocation methodologies and mechanisms used in this Petition are those approved by the Commission in the RPS Cost Allocation Order, which are as follows:

- A 5 RPS RAC to recover \$44,002,960, which includes A 5 RPS RAC surcharge revenues, REC-related costs for APCO's renewable facilities, and the Rider Wind, Water, Sunlight (Rider WWS) premium for the Bridge Period;
- A 5 RPS-PCAP RAC to recover \$4,969,660, which includes the capacity-related costs of the Company's PPAs; and
- A 6 RPS RAC to recover \$10,960,471 which includes costs associated with the owned solar and wind facilities (Amherst, Top Hat, and Grover Hill).

APCO states that the full impact of the 2025 RPS Filing on a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month would be an increase of \$4.36.

The foregoing is not an exhaustive list of all the proposals contained in the Company's Petition. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Petition and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

TAKE NOTICE that the Commission may apportion revenues among customer classes and/or design rates in a manner differing from that shown in the Petition and supporting documents and thus may adopt rates that differ from those appearing in the Company's Petition and supporting documents.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on APCO's 2025 RPS Filing. On August 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., a Hearing Examiner appointed by the Commission will hold a telephone hearing for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before August 6, 2025, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission: (a) your testimony; 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. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/case-information/webcasting.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on August 12, 2025, the Hearing Examiner will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above.

On August 12, 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 Hearing Examiner will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Company's 2025 RPS Filing from the Company, any respondents, and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff").

To promote 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 requires electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

An electronic copy of the public version of the Company's 2025 RPS Filing may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, American Electric Power Service Corporation, 3 Jones Center, 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or regcoates@aep.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

On or before July 16, 2025, any interested person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/case-filing. 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 State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel, if available. The respondent shall send a copy of the notice of participation electronically to counsel to the Company, Staff, and all other respondents. 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-2025-00049.

On or before July 16, 2025, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/case-filing 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 sent electronically to Staff, the Company, and all other respondents. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including 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-2025-00049.

On or before August 6, 2025, any interested person or entity may submit comments on the 2025 RPS Filing by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/case-information/public-comments. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2025-00049.

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 2025 RPS Filing, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed at: scc.virginia.gov/case-information.

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June 12, 2025

Appalachian Power Company

Dear Madam/Sir:

Enclosed are copies of the following documents:

Petition of Appalachian Power Company For approval of its 2025 RPS Plan under § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia and related requests, Case No. PUR-2025-00049 (filed May 21, 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 its 2025 RPS Plan under § 56-585.5 of the Code of Virginia and related requests, Case No. PUR-2025-00049 (filed June 6, 2025).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Castle".

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