



### **PJM Interconnection Process Workshop 2**

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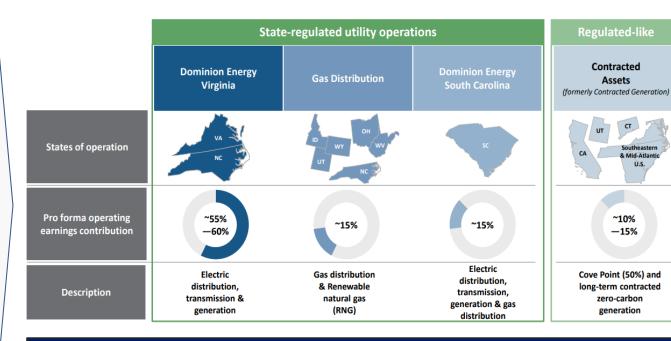
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# **Dominion Energy** *Company Overview*



- Narrowed focus on regulated and regulated-like businesses
- Premier stateregulated utility operations
- Industry-leading clean energy profile
- Long-term earnings and dividend growth



Aggressively pursuing vision to be the most sustainable energy company in the country

### **Transformational Change Coming to Virginia**

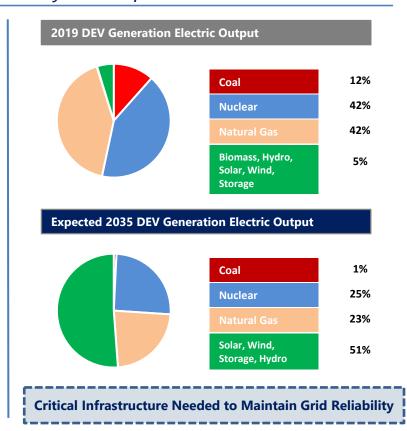
VA Clean Economy Act: Significant Changes to our Electric System Expected

#### **□** VCEA to accelerate renewable energy growth in Virginia

- Establishes a mandatory Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) that provides a framework for 100% zero-carbon generation by the end of 2045 with critical customer protections for reliability
- 75% of RECs must come from Virginia facilities starting in 2025

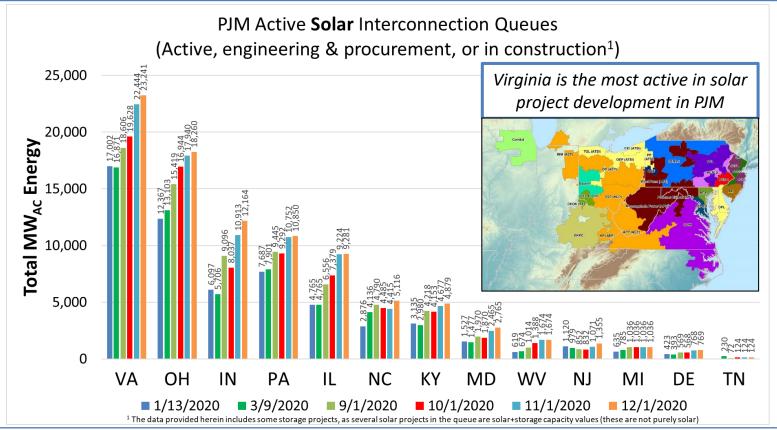
## ☐ Includes the following requirements of Dominion Energy Virginia:

- Solar/Onshore Wind: 16.1 GW including 1.1 GW of small scale in public interest (not to exceed 3MW) (~65% utility-owned, 35% power purchase agreements). We must petition the VA State Corporation Commission at least:
  - 3,000 MW by end of 2024
  - 6,000 MW by end of 2027 (cumulative value)
  - 10,000 MW by end of 2030 (cumulative value)
  - 16,100 MW by end of 2035 (cumulative value)
- Offshore Wind: 5.2 GW utility-owned/purchased in public interest, including up to 3 GW by 2028
- Energy Storage: 2.7 GW including 800 MW pumped storage in public interest; at least 35% from non-utilities



### **PJM Utility Scale Development**

Active Solar Interconnection Queues





### **Transformative Grid Planning**

Renewable Investments Driving Future Grid Needs

#### **CONTEXT**

- Virginia Clean Economy Act mandates renewable generation investments and energy storage on the power grid in Virginia by 2035 and 2045 to comply with RPS requirements.
- Projects able to provide generation supply solutions for RPS compliance face development challenges due to grid limitations and assigned upgrade costs.
- Need to identify future electric transmission solutions to meet the VCEA goals most cost effective to our customers



#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1. Begin identifying what the future transmission system would look like in 2035 and 2045 based on where solar, storage and offshore wind injections are expected to occur.
- 2. Develop recommendations to meet future grid needs.
- 3. Develop a holistic programmatic grid upgrade approach that delivers cost effective and operationally efficient solutions.
- 4. Consider building transmission capacity ahead of where new renewable generation will materialize, to minimize upgrade effort and maximize operational efficiency.







### **Transformative Grid Planning**

Planning for the Needs of the 2045 Power Grid

#### **Objective**

Create Strategic Grid Planning Processes with a Forward View of 2045 Needs

#### **Current PJM Interconnection Queue Process**



#### Key Aspects

- Looks ahead in six-month increments
- Incremental project-by-project analysis
- Process implemented and improved upon over several years



#### Pros

Robust, repeatable and understandable process



#### Cons

- Is a reactive process
- Too many projects in the queue will slow the process
- Limits the long-term view & direction/trend
- Projects remain in the queue for extended periods of time, impacting other projects

#### **Programmatic Approach to Grid Planning**



#### Key Aspects

- Start with the end in mind: 2045
- Consideration of optimal mix of transmission voltages, capacities & technologies
- Coordination of transmission planning with expected renewable development regions



#### Pros

- Could result in improved customer cost and transmission operational efficiencies
- Create new & clear transmission zones for solar and storage development, with local approvals



#### Cons

Will require a new stakeholder process and rules to consider this new approach



### **Transformative Grid Planning**

Other Suggestions

**Objective** 

Consider Eliminating Burdensome Processes

- ☐ Eliminate the ability to place generation queue positions in suspension
  - This is tending to clog the queue and required upgrades/planning
  - If you reach the ISA/ICSA process and the timing is not right to enter an agreement and begin the upgrade work, a generator should be required to exit the queue
- ☐ Eliminate the ability to enter two or more queue positions at the same project location / time
  - Evaluate how many current discrete queue positions would be eliminated if this was implemented, before considering
  - While beneficial for generators in assessing where network upgrades are triggered, if it is slowing the process, it may be worth considering this