



Northern Virginia Regional Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 19-11

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: January 24, 2019

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING NVRC SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED SOLAR FREEDOM LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) has long supported the advancement of renewable energy resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made significant strides in the construction and installation of utility scale solar facilities, but still lags behind with respect to the installation of net metered distributed renewable energy;

WHEREAS, Senator McClellan and Delegate Keam have introduced Solar Freedom legislation (SB1456 and HB2329) that will eliminate barriers to net metered distributed generation renewable energy facilities;

WHEREAS, said legislation will allow local governments to install solar facilities up to 5MW on government-owned property and use the electricity for nearby government owned buildings; would allow a customer's solar project size to exceed the prior year's energy demand; would allow solar output to be used on multiple buildings on a customer's property (meter aggregation); would allow owner of multi-family residential units to provide solar to tenants; increase the maximum size allowed for non-residential solar projects from 1 to 2M; eliminate standby charges on 10-20kW solar projects; repeal the 1% cap on distributed net metering; and, add language to clarify that PPAs can be used statewide by all customers for distributed solar projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission expresses its support for SB1456 and HB2329 and that a copy of this resolution be emailed to the members of the Northern Virginia delegation in the General Assembly and to the offices of Governor Northam.



CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission on January 24, 2018.


ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER