



RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 20-01

PATRON: Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
Executive Director
DATE: September 26, 2019

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CAP ON SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FROM 50MW TO A MINIMUM OF 500MW AND INCREASE PROJECT SIZE FROM 1MW TO 3MW

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed into law in 2013 legislation that created a solar power purchase agreement (PPA) pilot program with an aggregate cap of 50MW in Dominion Energy's service territory; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Pilot Program legislation in Chapter 382 of the Acts of Assembly, as amended in 2017, authorized the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to review changes to the PPA Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, the SCC has opined that the General Assembly is empowered to raise the cap and that it would be making recommendations to the members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, as of June 2019 there were 20MW of proposed projects with approximately 30MW remaining before the cap is reached; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County has recently issued an RFP for solar PPA projects that if adopted would represent some 30 to 40MW of new solar PPA projects therefore exceeding the cap in the Dominion Energy service territory; and

WHEREAS, the program created by the General Assembly has been a success and more local government entities are moving forward with PPA proposals that not only help create jobs in the Commonwealth, but also save taxpayers money.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Northern Virginia Regional Commission supports increasing the cap on solar PPAs from 50MW to a minimum of 500MW and recommends the cap on individual projects from 1MW to 3MW; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Executive Director of the Commission be directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the State Corporation Commission for its consideration and to the members of the Northern Virginia delegation of the General Assembly.



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 September 26, 2019.


ROBERT W. LAZARO, JR., CERTIFYING OFFICER