

VIRGINIA DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE (DER) TASK FORCE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

2:00 PM - 5:00PM

House Room B, General Assembly Building

Meeting materials are available on <https://energy.virginia.gov/renewable-energy/DER-Task-Force.shtml>

Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome & Introductions

Chair Chief Josephus Allmond called the meeting to order at approximately 2:01 p.m. A quorum (13) was confirmed.

Members present: Chief Allmond, John Farmer, Delegate Richard (Rip) Sullivan, Carrie Hearne, Richard Caperton, Tony Smith, Dawn Oleksy, Ashish Kapoor, Bill Murray, Joe Lerch, Deputy Secretary Dahlman, Senator VanValkenburg, Delegate Helmer (virtual)

Members absent: Lieutenant Governor Ghazala Hashmi, Emily Orvis, Angela Navarro

The Task Force approved the draft minutes from the July 2026 meeting.

Participative Planning Report

Deputy Energy Officer Louise White presented the Participative Planning Report, which outlines plans for stakeholder engagement. Tony Smith proposed additional meetings with DER aggregators (mentioning Voltus and CPower) as well as a meeting with Virginia Energy Purchasing Governmental Association (VEPGA). The Task Force voted unanimously to approve the report.

Long-Term Vision for DERs in Virginia

Deputy White presented a draft vision for distributed energy resources (DERs) in Virginia. The presentation focused on establishing a regulatory and market framework that supports cost-effective deployment of dispatchable DERs while building upon Virginia's existing net metering policies.

Task Force members discussed technology-neutral policy design, future scalability, cybersecurity, safety considerations, local government guidance, and potential approaches to recognizing additional value streams for distributed energy resources.

New York DER Compensation Framework

Luke Forster of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) presented an overview of New York's Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VDER) compensation framework and the NY-Sun Program.

The presentation included an overview of the Value Stack methodology, compensation mechanisms, distributed solar and energy storage deployment, program funding, and lessons learned from implementation. Task Force members discussed ratepayer impacts, valuation methodologies, demand reduction, storage, and program design considerations.

Virginia Distributed Solar Alliance Presentation

Tony Smith, representing the Virginia Distributed Solar Alliance, presented recommendations from a recent white paper examining barriers to DER deployment in Virginia.

Discussion focused on interconnection, permitting, incentives, utility investment structures, and lessons learned from other state programs. Members also discussed performance-based regulation and opportunities to improve market conditions for distributed energy resources and virtual power plants.

Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Priorities

Ted Ko presented results from Task Force member homework identifying priority virtual power plant applications and policy considerations.

The presentation summarized preferred grid services, technologies, business models, and representative VPP concepts. Staff also reviewed policy topics that may support implementation of priority VPP models. Members discussed implementation tradeoffs and the need for additional stakeholder input as recommendations are developed.

FERC Order No. 2222

David Kathan provided an overview of FERC Order No. 2222 and its implications for Virginia.

The presentation addressed DER aggregation, wholesale market participation, PJM implementation, jurisdictional considerations, and policy issues affecting future participation of

distributed energy resources. Members discussed metering, customer data access, cybersecurity, and additional regulatory considerations.

DER Interconnection

Vaughan Woodruff presented an overview of Virginia's DER interconnection framework, including regulatory history, comparisons with practices in other states, and opportunities to improve interconnection processes.

Task Force members discussed administrative improvements, market-enabling reforms, and the relationship between interconnection policies and future DER deployment.

General Discussion

Members discussed recent regulatory developments, available planning and hosting capacity tools, data needs, stakeholder engagement, and the development of future Task Force recommendations.

Deputy White outlined plans for staff to continue synthesizing research, gathering stakeholder feedback, and preparing draft recommendations for future meetings.

Public Comment

The Chair opened the floor for public comment.

One member of the public provided comments regarding New York's approach to distributed generation policy development and encouraged the Task Force to consider establishing long-term deployment goals to guide future policy recommendations.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:53pm.