

I am writing in support of performance-based regulation (PBR). As a Virginia resident who cares deeply about ensuring a stable climate and thriving economy for my children and future generations, I believe PBR will help the commonwealth achieve its energy and climate goals while maintaining affordability for my family and other Virginians.

The path to decarbonization requires electrification of every aspect of our daily lives from transportation to home heating. At the same time, the data center industry, which is important to Virginia's economy, requires abundant, reliable electricity. As a ratepayer, I am concerned about how this increased demand could affect my bills. It is critical to maximize efficiency in order to ensure reliable and cost-effective delivery of power.

Unfortunately, the cost-of-service model currently used provides a disincentive for efficiency. Decoupling, a step that many states have taken for electricity and that Virginia has already taken for gas, would eliminate this disincentive. I would also support performance incentive mechanisms around efficiency. I would also welcome a specific incentive around quicker, more affordable interconnection of distributed solar projects.

Improving the efficiency of our electric grid will support many ends: decarbonization, resilience, economic growth and affordability. Thank you for considering new tools to achieve this goal.

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