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Virginia Energy Welcomes New Deputy Director Julianne Szyper

Richmond - The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) welcomed Julianne Szyper as their new Deputy Director this week.

"We are delighted to have Julianne as an integral addition to the leadership of Virginia Energy," **said Virginia Energy Director Glenn Davis.** "Her experience spans the government and political spheres, as well as corporate and non-profit spaces. Over the last three years she's served as Chief of Staff for Lieutenant Governor Winsome Earle-Sears. Julianne will bring a breadth of knowledge and experience that will be a valuable addition to the Virginia Energy team."

"Governor Youngkin's emphasis on all-the-above, clean, affordable and reliable energy sources is critical to the growth and stability of the Commonwealth. I am honored to be part of this incredible team under Director Glenn Davis and the vital work being done here at Virginia Energy," **said Deputy Director Szyper**. "I am excited to magnify the full scope of work being accomplished by the amazing folks across the Commonwealth, from mines and minerals to power generation."

A former Vice President of a Richmond government relations and association management firm representing a variety of interests, Julianne also served as Chief of Staff and Legislative Assistant in the Virginia House of Delegates and Virginia Senate, as well as on national, state and local leadership boards and commissions. In 2023, she led an official delegation from Richmond to Poland, convening with local leadership from cities in Poland, Ukraine, France and Germany.

Julianne is a graduate of The Sorensen Political Leaders Program at UVA (2017 PLP), holds a B.A. in Government and graduated with honors with an M.A.in Government with a concentration in Law and Public Policy from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia.