

### Energy Efficiency as a Carbon Reduction Strategy

Virginia Executive Order 57 Working Group Meeting

#### SEEA Serves The Southeast

The **Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA)** promotes energy efficiency as a catalyst for economic growth, workforce development and energy security. We do this through collaborative public policy, thought leadership, outreach programs, and technical advisory activities.



Regional Energy Efficiency Organization

Eleven-state footprint

Non-profit, non-partisan



# **Top Four Opportunities**



#### State Leadership By Example

- Establish and Strengthen Guidance for State Agencies
  - Savings targets
  - Reporting requirements
  - Shared Savings Mechanisms
- Continue Technical Assistance for Local Governments

#### Building Energy Codes

- Support Energy Code Training for Code Officials and Builders
- Adopt 2015 International Energy Conservation Code
- Consider a "Stretch" Code
- Create an Energy Codes Collaborative



#### Energy Efficiency Financing

- Establish a Loan-Loss Reserve to Support On-Bill Financing for Electric Cooperatives
- Issue an RFP for the Third-Party EE Financing Program
- Continue to Advocate for Adoption and Implementation of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy



### Utility and Regulatory Policy

- Actively Participate in State Corporation Commission Proceedings on Evaluation, Measurement and Verification Rulemaking
- Support Implementation of All Cost-Effective Utility Delivered Energy Efficiency Programs



#### Utility and Regulatory Policy

- Establish Dialogue with States with More Mature Ratepayer Programs (e.g. Arkansas)
- Seek Technical Assistance from Experts (Regulatory Assistance Project, American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy)



## **Additional Opportunities**



- State Energy Planning
  - Strengthen and institutionalize state energy planning practices
- Low-Income Energy Efficiency Working Group
  - Convene state agencies and other stakeholders to create more comprehensive and integrated low-income solutions
- Industrial Energy Efficiency
  - Enhance current "opt-out" with "self-direct" leveraging the National Energy Efficiency Registry
- Combined Heat and Power (CHP)
  - Clarify rules enabling utility ownership of CHP
- Public Funding
  - Attached energy efficiency or carbon reduction goals to public investments (e.g. universities, local governments, etc.)

# Thank you!

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