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#### Via Electronic Mail (Jeffrey.Goettman@governor.virginia.gov)

Governor Glenn A. Youngkin Commonwealth of Virginia P.O. Box 1475 Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Governor Youngkin:

Please find enclosed, as required by Section 56-585.1:2 of the Code of Virginia, the report of Appalachian Power Company regarding the status of its pilot programs to provide energy assistance and weatherization for low income, elderly, and disabled individuals in its service territory in the Commonwealth.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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## Via Electronic Mail (Judy. Jagdmann@scc.virginia.gov)

The Honorable Judith Williams Jagdmann Office of the Commissioners State Corporation Commission P.O. Box 1197 Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Commissioner Jagdmann:

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## Via Electronic Mail (district35@senate.virginia.gov)

The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw Chair, Commerce and Labor Committee Senate of Virginia P.O. Box 1856 Springfield, Virginia 22151-0856

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Dear Senator Saslaw:

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## Via Electronic Mail (DelKByron@house.virginia.gov)

The Honorable Kathy J. Byron Virginia House of Delegates Chair, Commerce and Energy Committee P. O. Box 900 Forest, VA 24551

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Dear Delegate Byron:

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#### Veteran Energy Voucher Pilot Program

Appalachian Power Company (Appalachian Power or the Company) first implemented the Veteran Energy Voucher Program in October 2015. Appalachian Power and Dollar Energy Fund, Inc. (Dollar Energy) signed a letter of agreement setting forth the operating parameters of the Veteran Energy Voucher Program. As administrator, Dollar Energy is responsible for managing and administering all phases of the Veteran Energy Voucher Program. The goal of the program is to provide utility grant assistance to low-income homeless veterans to assist them getting back into housing. Those veterans enrolled in the Virginia Veterans & Family Support program or the Total Action for Progress (TAP) program within the Company's Virginia service area qualify for the assistance.

Determined on past performance and estimated need, Appalachian Power has allocated approximately \$30,000 annually to the program: \$26,500 for the funding of grants and \$3,584 for operating fees. From June 2021 through May 2022, the Company has provided 13 energy vouchers to homeless veterans totaling \$6,500. To access the \$500 energy voucher, Virginia Veterans & Family Support or TAP completes the application for new electric service on behalf of the Veteran. The agency also submits an application with Dollar Energy for the energy voucher. Each \$500 energy voucher is used for connection fees and deposits, with any remaining voucher funds applied to future billings.

As required in § 56-585.1:2 of the Code of Virginia, the Company will continue the Veteran Energy Voucher Pilot Program. Appalachian Power and Dollar Energy have entered into an agreement that will allow the Veteran Energy Voucher Pilot program to continue through 2022, subject to contract renewals through July 1, 2028, as deemed appropriate. The following table provides statistics of the program for this reporting period, June 1,

2021 through May 31, 2022. The table also reports year-to-date total program funding  $\!/$ 

# participation.

Virgini	a Veterans Vouche	r Program	Participa	ition
Month	Applications	Grants	Amou	int Granted
Oct-21	3	3	\$	1,500.00
Jan-22	2	2	\$	1,000.00
Mar-22	2	2	\$	1,000.00
Apr-22	4	4	\$	2,000.00
May-22	2	2	\$	1,000.00
Total	13	13	\$	6,500.00

Virginia Ve	terans Voucher 1	Total Prog	ram Parti	cipation
Dates	Applications	Grants	Amount	Granted
October 2015 - May 2022	263	259	\$	129,500.00

Total Program Participation by Locality				
County	Applications	Grants	Amou	int Granted
City of Roanoke	221	219	\$	109,500.00
City of Lynchburg	24	24	\$	12,000.00
Roanoke	7	7	\$	3,500.00
Montgomery	2	1	\$	500.00
City of Radford	2	2	\$	1,000.00
Bedford	1	1	\$	500.00
Botetourt	1	1	\$	500.00
Amherst	1	1	\$	500.00
City of Martinsville	1	0	\$	
City of Salem	1	1	\$	500.00
City of Staunton	1	1	\$	500.00
Henry	1	1	\$	500.00
Total	263	259	\$	129,500.00

#### **Multi-Family Residential Energy Efficiency Pilot**

The original goal of the Multi-Family Residential Energy Efficiency Pilot was to weatherize and improve the overall efficiency of a selected multi-family property in the Company's service territory to determine its energy savings potential and overall viability. After evaluating the results of the pilot, the Company determined it would be beneficial to move this program from the pilot stage to a longer-term energy efficiency program. The Company proposed a Low-Income Multi-Family Weatherization program in its 2019 Energy Efficiency Rate Adjustment Clause (EE-RAC) filing in Case No. PUR-2019-00122 for the Virginia State Corporation Commission's consideration. The Company received approval on May 26, 2020 to implement the longer-term program beginning in January 2021. The program was successfully launched to customers in early 2021, and it is currently active in APCo's Virginia territory.

#### **Energy Efficiency Education Pilot**

The Energy Efficiency Education Pilot program identifies Appalachian Power customers who received financial assistance paying their electric bill through various agencies. The program provides mailings directly to these customers with information regarding measures they can take to save energy and reduce electric bills. The mailing contains information regarding programs offered by the Company and by weatherization providers in the service territory to assist customers with energy conservation. Additionally, the mailing includes an offer for a free energy conservation kit that includes simple, easy to install energy saving measures.

The Company partnered with Dollar Energy to collaborate on the pilot program. The Company and Dollar Energy developed an energy efficiency packet that is sent to customers who enroll in the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program, as well as customers receiving electric bill assistance through other agencies identified by the Company. As reference, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program allows customers to donate funds to help pay electric bills for low-income customers in the Company's Virginia service territory. The energy efficiency packet includes:

- Information regarding specific measures or behavior changes customers can take to reduce energy consumption;
- Energy Efficiency and Demand Response programs offered by the Company in which customers could participate;
- Information on other weatherization assistance programs offered in the Company's service territory;
- Literature to increase energy efficiency awareness; and
- A post card with information on how the customer can receive a free energy conservation kit.

In order for customers to receive the energy conservation kit, they are required to mail back the prepaid information card or call a toll-free number dedicated to the program. Customers who received a grant from the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program are also able to request a kit during the application phase. The energy conservation kits are mailed to the customer's home and contain the following measures:

- Six energy efficient LED light bulbs
- Two energy efficient LED night lights
- Two energy efficient faucet aerators
- One refrigerator thermometer

As required in § 56-585.1:2 of the Code of Virginia, Appalachian Power and Dollar Energy have entered into an agreement that will allow the Energy Efficiency Education Pilot program to continue through 2022, subject to contract renewals through July 1, 2028, as deemed appropriate. The attached table provides statistics of the program for this reporting period from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

Appalachian Power June 1, 2021 - May 31, 2022 Dollar Energy Monthly Participation			
Jun-21	164	\$4,920	
Jul-21	152	\$4,560	
Aug-21	144	\$4,320	
Sep-21	143	\$4,290	
Oct-21	115	\$3,450	
Nov-21	192	\$5,760	
Dec-21	152	\$4,560	
Jan-22	148	\$4,440	
Feb-22	163	\$4,890	
Mar-22	149	\$4,470	
Apr-22	136	\$4,080	
May-22	217	\$6,510	
Annual Total	1875	\$56,250.00	

	Top 10 Program Localities		
Pulaski	116	\$3,480.00	
Roanoke	99	\$2,970.00	
Christians burg	75	\$2,250.00	
Lynchburg	71	\$2,130.00	
Galax	62	\$1,860.00	
Dublin	52	\$1,560.00	
Wytheville	41	\$1,230.00	
Lynchburg	37	\$1,110.00	
North Tazewell	34	\$1,020.00	
Marion	33	\$990.00	