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## **Dominion Energy**

Virginians could soon save on their power bills thanks to government oversight of electric utilities. Lawmakers in Richmond are in the homestretch on debating legislation that will shape Virginia's energy future — Senate Bill 1265. If enacted, it will save Virginia residential electric customers \$6-7 on their monthly power bills while strengthening regulatory oversight of electric companies to protect consumers.

Importantly, this bill would save Dominion Energy customers \$350 million by eliminating a number of "riders" (additional project fees on a customer's electric bill) and simplify the billing process. It also allows for the continuation of a healthy utility that can continue to make much needed investments in a secure and safe energy grid.

As ratepayers struggle with rising energy costs, Virginia lawmakers now have the opportunity to lower power bills and to ensure sensible government oversight of utilities. We encourage the support of SB1265 and that it be sent to Gov. Glenn Youngkin's desk for signature.

- Gary Meltz, executive director of Power for Tomorrow, Washington DC