

The Honorable Abigail
Spanberger
Governor of Virginia
Virginia State Capitol
111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Dear Governor Spanberger,

We are writing today to urge you to call for a Special Session of the Virginia General Assembly to extend the State Corporation Commission's review period for NextEra's proposed acquisition of Dominion Energy from the current 180-day maximum to at least 365 days. Currently set to a maximum of 180 days by statute, we ask that the General Assembly expand it to a minimum of 365 days.

This \$67 billion transaction would create the largest utility in American history and mark the largest corporate acquisition Virginia has ever seen. A deal of this scale carries major implications for Virginians, including potential impacts on energy costs, the economy, the workforce, and the Commonwealth's clean energy future. It is imperative that localities are given the opportunity to thoroughly review, evaluate, and intervene.

Public utility law expert Scott Hempling testified before the Commission on Electric Utility Regulation that "there is no way that a full hearing of the complexity of this transaction can occur in a six-month proceeding – that's not possible."¹ As Lieutenant Governor Hashmi noted,² a deal of this magnitude requires at least a year of review to allow for a thorough investigation of potential impacts. The Pepco-Exelon Merger, a \$6.8 billion dollar merger proposal approved in 2016, spent 2 years in review.³

The current process and timeline does not provide local governments sufficient time to review the filed application, make an informed decision about whether to intervene, and navigate the process to do so, which in some localities includes passing a formal resolution. For example, the current September 11th deadline to file notice of participation in the case will have passed before some Councils or Boards of

¹ A full recording of the CEUR meeting and Mr. Hempling's full testimony can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/mHtGNcfBX2Q?si=TBAYQvvAvzHVp5m2>.

² "Va. Lt. Gov. Hashmi calls on regulators to extend review period for NextEra-Dominion Energy merger." Virginia Mercury. Available here:

<https://virginiamercury.com/2026/07/07/va-lt-gov-hashmi-calls-on-regulators-to-extend-review-period-for-nextera-dominion-energy-merger/>

³ "A brief history of the Exelon-Pepco merger saga." Utility Dive. Available here:

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/updated-a-brief-history-of-the-exelon-pepco-merger-saga/414573/>

Supervisors even hold their next scheduled public meeting. Even beyond the September 11th deadline, the current six month timeline is insufficient to allow for thorough evaluation of potential risks and benefits from the merger.

Localities hold a unique stake in this case, representing the interests of ratepayers in their communities, including themselves, as well as local workforce and economic implications and clean energy transition priorities. Localities need to be at the table for a deal of this magnitude, and the current timeline is not sufficient for thorough local review and input.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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*All signatories are signing as individuals and not on behalf of their respective organizations.