

Christian & Barton, LLP
2012 General Assembly Session Energy Bills Scorecard

Energy Policy Bills				
Bill Impacts	Ratepayer	Environmental	Utility	Bill Summary
FINAL SCORE	- 5	+11	+12	
HB 103 Loupassi SB 519 Wagner	+1		+1	Consumer utility tax not imposed on natural gas service to electric utilities Assessment: <i>reduces costs imposed on utility</i>
HB 232 Cosgrove SB 492 Watkins		+1	+1	Renewable energy expanded to include landfill gas and output from new industrial combined heat and power units Assessment: <i>expands types of energy that are may count towards RPS goals</i>
HB 433 Tata SB 507 Wagner		+1		Real Estate Appraiser Board shall evaluate (not implement) regulations on efficiency and renewables Assessment: <i>may ultimately assist in green homes getting higher appraisals</i>
HB 559 Marshall SB 511 Wagner	-1		+1	Costs for system expansion may be spread over entire system rather than particular customer. Assessment: <i>results in all ratepayers funding expansion of natural gas utilities</i>
HB 564 Marshall	-1	+1	+1	Basis points added for construction of landfill gas powered facility Assessment: <i>expands the scope of the RPS adder that overcompensates utilities for renewable costs</i>
HB 587 Merricks SB 418 Stanley			+1	Allows utilities to seek approval from localities (not SCC) for 138kV transmission lines Assessment: <i>provides greater flexibility for utilities</i>
HB 894 Ware SB 493 Watkins	-1	+1	+1	Dictates how SCC evaluates energy efficiency programs for electric and natural gas utilities Assessment: <i>diminishes SCC ability to give priority to ratepayer impact test</i>
HB 1016 Poindexter SB 485 McWaters		+1	+1	Establishes fund to assist state agencies in acquiring via conversion or purchase alternative fuel vehicles Assessment: <i>encourages use of vehicles fueled by electricity or natural gas</i>
HB 1102 Miller SB 413 Norment	-1	+1	+1	Expands RPS by creating RECs for certain R&D investment related to renewable or alternative energy Assessment: <i>results in ratepayers funding R&D for renewable energy</i>
HB 1166 McClellan	-1	+1	+1	Makes RPS more transparent: reporting requirements and post reports on website Assessment: <i>bills dealing with how the RPS adder overcompensates utilities failed;</i>
HB 1167 Jones SB 160 Petersen		+1		Cost-Effective Public Buildings: certain buildings must meet Va. Energy Conservation & Environmental Standards Assessment: <i>this encourages energy efficiency</i>
HB 1177 Watson		+1	+1	Adds objectives to the Virginia Energy Policy: sustainable Virginia supply and lower price volatility Assessment: <i>this encourages building new generation in Virginia that is renewable</i>
SB 382 McEachin	-1	+1	+1	Makes RPS more transparent: creates reporting requirements, including location and age of generators & fuel type Assessment: <i>bills dealing with how the RPS adder overcompensates utilities failed</i>
SB 504 Wagner		+1	+1	Permitted facilities upgrade for energy efficiency without a modified permit Assessment: <i>provides flexibility for energy efficiency upgrades</i>

Locality Bills			
Bill Impacts	Helps	Hurts	Bill Summary
HB 211 Miller SB 539 Puller	X		Public bodies may use forward pricing mechanisms to procure natural gas and fuel (electricity excluded) Assessment: <i>this is meant to provide an option to profit from futures</i>
HB 684 O'Quinn SB 330 Carrico	X		Coal mine safety Assessment: <i>this is meant to improve coal mine safety</i>
HB 710 Kilgore			Ownership of coal and mine void after coal removal Assessment: <i>this addresses private ownership issues</i>
HB 766 Landes	X		Establishes Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund Assessment: <i>funds may be distributed to localities for public and private utility extension or capacity development.</i>
HB 975 Bell	X		Government utility corporations are public service corporations for purposes of taking private property Assessment: <i>this appears to provide more flexibility to localities</i>
HB 1192 O'Quinn SB 609 Carrico			Eliminates sunset date for coalfield employment enhancement tax credit Assessment: <i>this appears to assist private entities</i>
HB 1233 Kilgore SB 658 Puckett	X		Requires localities with severances taxes to amend ordinances Assessment: <i>this appears to clarify legal requirements</i>
HB 1261 Ware			Energy submetering equipment may be used in campgrounds if clearly stated in the rental agreement or lease Assessment: <i>this appears to assist private entities</i>
HB 1286 Minchew	X		Utilities relocate for local capital improvement projects Assessment: <i>this appears to provide more flexibility to localities</i>
SB 653 Newman			Procedure for condemnation of government-owned utility lines and other facilities Assessment: <i>[[review]]</i>

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