



ISSUE ALERT

SCC UNCOVERS \$3.3 BILLION DISCREPANCY IN DOMINION ENERGY SPENDING PLANS

Bottom Line: *Clean Virginia asks legislators to make public statements calling on Dominion to give an honest accounting of billions of dollars in proposed infrastructure spending after the SCC exposed Dominion making vastly different promises to regulators and investors.*

Background: In March, Dominion Energy submitted a revised Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which details the monopoly utility's long-term energy spending plans, to the State Corporation Commission (SCC). In December 2018, in an unprecedented move, the SCC rejected Dominion's first IRP submission, for failing to be "reasonable and in the public interest." SCC staff estimated that the new IRP should cost nearly \$8 billion less than what Dominion originally proposed.

Two weeks after Dominion Energy submitted their revised IRP to the SCC, the utility outlined in a shareholder presentation at the New York Stock Exchange a new \$17 billion spending plan in Virginia. Under this shareholder-focused plan, Dominion's rate base would grow from \$23 billion in 2019 to \$32-34 billion in 2023, an increase of approximately 40%. **This figure is at least \$3.3 billion more than the amount that Dominion detailed to regulators in its revised IRP submission just two weeks earlier.**

On April 8th, SCC staff filed a motion compelling Dominion to detail what level of spending they are actually proposing over the next four years. Dominion is currently fighting these legal motions by SCC staff.

The Problem: This presentation of conflicting information is the latest – and a particularly egregious – example of Dominion telling Virginians one thing and Wall Street another. In doing so, the monopoly has attempted to walk back commitments on energy efficiency, clean energy, environmental protection, and other public interest initiatives.

Dominion's Position: Dominion opposes the SCC's attempts to compel them to produce evidence – including the actual modeling of costs – that would help regulators understand Dominion's long-term investment plans for Virginia's ratepayers and how they differ with plans presented to regulators.

Clean Virginia's Position: Clean Virginia is concerned that Dominion is telling one story to investors, and another to Virginia's regulators, lawmakers, and ratepayers. Dominion should provide the SCC the evidence the commission requests so that ratepayers and legislators can be fully informed about Dominion's long-term plans for Virginia. Clean Virginia is concerned Dominion is attempting to significantly increase energy bills without due SCC oversight.

ACTION FOR LEGISLATORS: Clean Virginia is asking legislators to publicly demand Dominion produce all evidence requested by the SCC and act with full transparency moving forward. This will help ensure consistency in the information Dominion is providing and necessary oversight over spending plans that would have significant cost impacts on ratepayers.