

TIMELINE

VIRGINIA ENERGY FACILITY PLANNING & PERMITTING

Bill Passes w/ Budget

JULY 2025

Process established for planning & evaluating energy projects of “statewide significance.” Goes into effect July 1, 2025, with budget \$\$

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**Model Ordinance
Established**

SEPT 2025

Statewide framework established for local solar + storage ordinances: workgroup with public comment, due by Sept. 1, 2025

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**SCC establishes VA
Solar & Storage Siting
Advisory Board**

OCT 2025

Advisory Board makes permitting & siting recommendations to localities, starting Oct. 1, 2025; appeals go to SCC Commission

Alternate Option: Appeals process continues going to district courts until Regional & Local Plans & Policies are Implemented

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**Regional Energy
Modeling Report**

DEC 2025

Report issued on regional contributions to decarbonization goals, with university modeling and stakeholder input, due Dec. 1, 2025

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**PDCs Issue Regional
Energy Plans**

JULY 2026

Regional Planning District Commissions issue plans to implement decarbonization goals no later than July 1, 2026

Alternate Option: After July 1, 2026, appeals go to Judges (Commissioners) at State Corporation Commission

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**Localities Update
Energy Policies**

JULY 2026

Localities must bring local policies (comp plans, ordinances, zoning) into compliance with state standards no later than July 1, 2026

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Progress Evaluation

JULY 2027

Determination if local and regional progress is tracking with state goals; report to GA by July 1, 2027

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**SCC Docket
on Board**

SEPT 2027

If targets not met, SCC shall open docket by Sept. 1, 2027 and issue order by Nov. 2027 on whether Advisory Board opinions shall become binding approvals in lieu of local approval

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**Siting Board *could*
Become Binding**

JAN 2028

Depending on SCC Commission Order, Statewide Solar and Storage Siting Authority goes into effect as approval body in lieu of local approval [only for projects deemed of statewide significance] effective January 1, 2028

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Ongoing Evaluation

2025 - 2050

Local, Regional and Statewide Progress toward 2050 clean energy goals reported on in Annual Reports

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