

VIRGINIA FORUM ON INFRASTRUCTURE



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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CONVENTION CENTER

PROGRAM AGENDA

7:45 AM – 8:30 AM – Networking and Registration

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks

Brad N. Hall, President & CEO, Virginia Chamber of Commerce

8:35 AM – 8:40 AM – Speaker Introduction:

Andrew B. Warren, Senior Policy Advisor & Chief of Staff, Corporate Affairs, Dominion Energy, Inc.

8:40 AM – 9:15 AM – FIRESIDE CHAT:

Power & Possibility: The NextEra for Dominion Energy

A high-profile fireside chat featuring:

MODERATOR: Brad N. Hall, President & CEO, Virginia Chamber of Commerce

- **Ed Baine**, Executive Vice President, Utility Operations and President, Dominion Energy Virginia
- **John W. Ketchum**, President, CEO, and Chairman, NextEra Energy, Inc.

This headliner conversation will open the Forum by offering an exclusive look behind the curtain at the proposed merger and what it could mean for Virginia's energy landscape.

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM: PANEL DISCUSSION:

Data Centers: Powering Virginia's Next Generation of Growth

Virginia's position as a global leader in the digital economy is driving unprecedented investment in data centers and creating new demands for energy, water, land, and community planning. This growth presents significant economic opportunities while requiring thoughtful coordination among businesses, utilities, developers, policymakers, and local communities.

This panel will explore how Virginia can meet the infrastructure demands of a rapidly growing data center industry while maintaining reliable and affordable energy, supporting economic development, and addressing community priorities.

MODERATOR: Adisa Muse, Director of Government Affairs, Hunton Andrews Kurth

PANELISTS:

- **Clay Allsop**, Public Affairs Manager, Google
- **Jim Lears**, Vice President and General Manager, Turner Construction
- **Nicole Riley**, Director of Virginia Government Affairs, Data Center Coalition

10:00 AM – 10:10 AM – Infrastructure Innovation Showcase: Jennifer Ganten, Chief Global Affairs Officer, Commonwealth Fusion Systems

10:10 – 10:20 AM: NETWORKING BREAK

10:20 AM – 11:05 AM: PANEL DISCUSSION

Reliable by Design: Natural Gas in Virginia

As energy demand continues to evolve throughout Virginia, natural gas remains a critical component of a reliable and affordable energy portfolio. This panel explores the role of natural gas in supporting customers and Virginia businesses while meeting the needs of a growing economy. Industry leaders will discuss infrastructure development, system reliability, technological innovation, environmental considerations, and the opportunities and challenges shaping the future of natural gas.

MODERATOR: **Matthew Wells**, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Advantus Strategies

PANELISTS:

- **Aaron Boeke**, Vice President of Gas Operations, Columbia Gas
- **Kevin Murphy**, Vice President of Asset Management, Engineering, & Gas Supply Operations, Washington Gas
- **Morgan Whayland**, Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, Virginia Natural Gas

11:05 AM – 11:15 AM: Infrastructure Innovation Showcase: **Jarrold Pitts**, Vice President of Development, Tenaska

11:15 AM – 11:25 AM: NETWORKING BREAK

11:25 AM – 11:35 AM: Infrastructure Innovation Showcase: **Judi Box**, Director Electric Transmission Development & Commercial Initiatives, Dominion Energy

11:35 AM – 11:45 AM: Remarks on Meeting Virginia's Growing Reliability Needs and Panel Introduction:

Chris Cosby, President and CEO, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC)

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM: PANEL DISCUSSION

Meeting Virginia's Infrastructure Needs

As Virginia continues to attract new industries and businesses, ensuring access to resilient, reliable, and innovative infrastructure has become increasingly important to economic development and long-term planning. This panel will explore how Virginia can modernize and strengthen the infrastructure systems that communities and businesses rely on. Panelists will share some innovative solutions to support Virginia's continued growth.

How can Virginia leverage innovation to ensure our infrastructure is prepared to support economic growth while maintaining reliable services today?

MODERATOR: **Laura Runkle**, President, Virginia American Water

PANELISTS:

- **Jay Bernas**, General Manager and CEO, Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD)
- **Noelle Coates**, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Legal, Appalachian Power
- **Ryu Suzuki**, Director of Wastewater Engineering, DC Water

12:30 PM – LUNCHEON

12:50 PM – 1:00 PM: *Blueprint Virginia 2035* UPDATE

The recommendations outlined in *Blueprint Virginia 2035* serve as the strategic plan to foster long-term economic growth and resiliency. Infrastructure has become one of the defining competitive advantages for economic growth.

Joe Hines, *Senior Principal and Director of Economic Development and Site Selection, Timmons Group, and Infrastructure Industry Council Co-Chair*

1:00 PM – 1:40 PM – LUNCHEON KEYNOTE

Introduction by **Rudene Mercer Haynes**, *Managing Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP*

Josephus Allmond, Chief Energy Officer of Virginia

The Forum concludes with podium remarks from Virginia's new Chief Energy Officer, Josephus Allmond, offering a forward-looking perspective on the Administration's energy priorities and the opportunities ahead.

1:40 PM – CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURN

Brad Hall, President & CEO, Virginia Chamber of Commerce