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Subcommittee 1 – Energy Affordability

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Agenda

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- Roll call
- Director's Update: CEUR staff Policy Proposals
- Presentation: Perspectives on Energy Affordability and Utility Disconnections
- Panel Discussion of CEUR Staff Policy Proposals
  - Dominion Energy Virginia
  - Appalachian Power Company
  - Virginia, Maryland, & Delaware Assocation of Electric Cooperatives
- Public Comment
- Next steps
- Adjourn

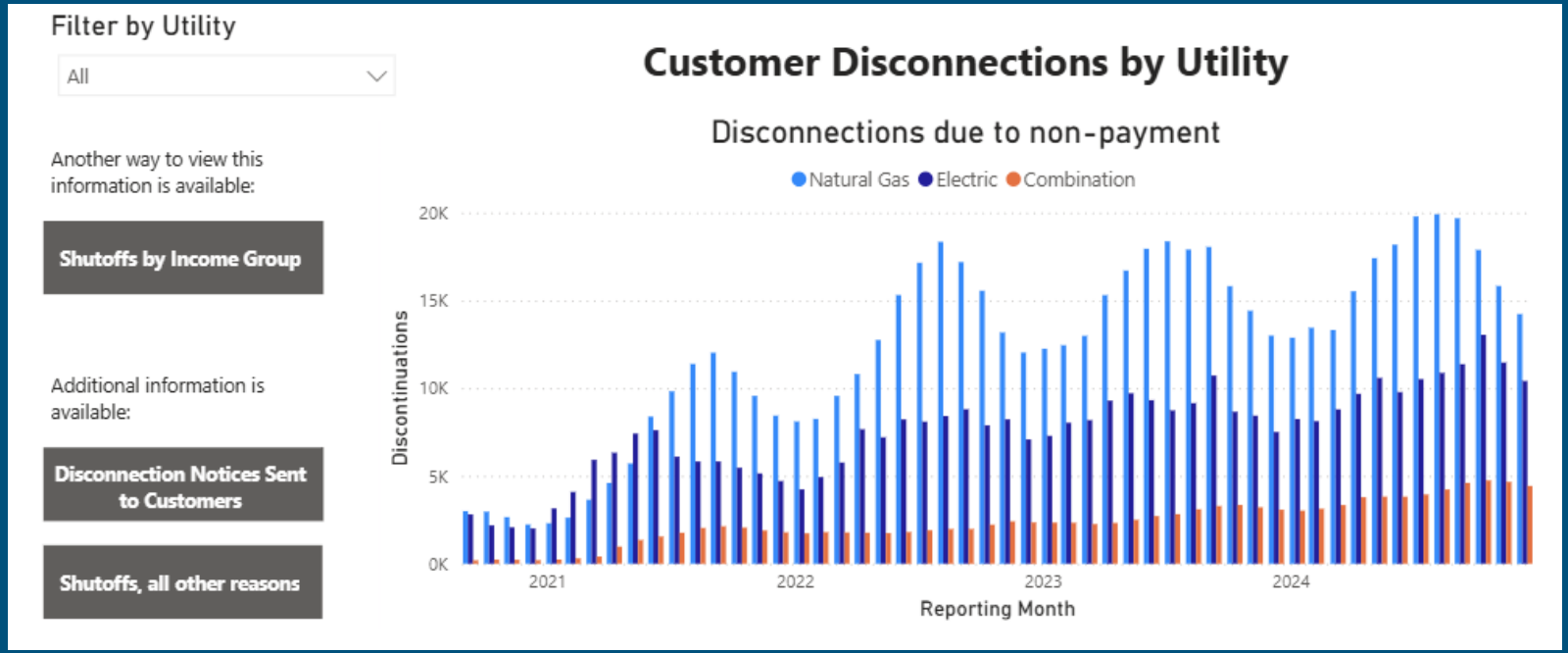
Director’s Update

CEUR Staff Policy Proposals

2026 Policy Proposal for 2026 General Assembly - Increase Transparency on Electric Utility Disconnections

- Create a publicly accessible utility disconnection dashboard
  - Require investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and electric cooperatives (Co-ops) to report monthly or quarterly data on disconnections to the State Corporation Commission (SCC)
  - Maintain a public data visualization dashboard
- Data would be at the aggregate level and not include information about individual households
- Disconnection dashboard could be hosted by SCC or Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy)

Michigan Requires Monthly Disconnection Reports and Maintains a Dashboard



Policy Proposals for the 2026 General Assembly - IOU Energy Efficiency Investments

- Renew Dominion and APCo spending commitments to customer assistance and energy efficiency programs
  - Extend to 2038 current statutory commitments for the companies to fund programs for low-income households*
  - Current statutory commitments will expire July 1, 2028
- Spending commitments are funded by utilities and not ratepayers
- Update required spending levels to reflect increases in electricity rates and company revenues

* See § 56-585.1:2 of Code of Virginia.

Policy Proposals for the 2026 General Assembly – Low Income Energy Program Funding

- $156M grant funding for Virginia's Solar for All program has been terminated from EPA, currently being contested in the courts
- Fund low- to moderate-income clean energy programs, such as:
- Low-to-Moderate Income Solar Loan and Rebate Program*
  - Program established in 2019 but never received funding
  - Administered by Virginia Department of Energy
- Renew Dominion's Income and Age Qualifying Solar program
  - Provided 3–5 kW rooftop solar systems at no cost for customers meeting income and age qualifications
  - Program ended in December 2024

* See § 45.2-1917 of Code of Virginia.

Policy Proposals for Longer-Term Research (Summer 2026)

- Consider expanded disconnection protections for electric utility customers
  - Identify strategies for reducing disconnection rates and increasing on-time bill payments
  - Understand potential consequences to utility and all ratepayers
- Consider Pay-As-You-Save (PAYS) on-bill tariff programs to finance energy efficiency upgrades
  - Identify any PAYS programs in other states that have enabled customers to reduce their electric utility bills