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Electric Co-ops Brief Sen. Kaine on Issues Important to Members

Representatives of Virginia's consumer-owned electric cooperatives met with Virginia's U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine April 13 in his Arlington office.

The cooperative representatives, including directors, CEOs, and senior staff, spent more than an hour briefing Kaine on issues important to their members, ranging from high-speed internet access to community solar projects.

The group also discussed topics such as work-force training and the importance of co-ops recovering their costs in providing access on co-op poles to third-party communications companies.

Included in the delegation from Prince George Electric Cooperative was Mike Malandro, President and CEO and Renee Chapline, V.P. Legislative Affairs and Communications.

"We are pleased to work with Senator Kaine and his team on these top-level issues of concern for rural Virginia. Prince George Electric Cooperative works with our state leaders to relay our members concerns and collaboratively initiate innovative solutions such as the fiber to the home project and our career training programs that support the utility industries pipeline of employees," according to Mike Malandro, President of Prince George Electric Cooperative.

The meeting was coordinated by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC). Richard Johnstone, the association's CEO, said, "It was a great opportunity to visit and share some thoughts with one of our U.S. Senators regarding issues that are important to our member-consumers, including access to broadband, use of renewable energy and workforce training opportunities in partnership with community colleges."

About PGEC

About Prince George Cooperative: Headquartered in Waverly, Prince George Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit member-owned energy provider that serves over 12,000 homes, farms and businesses in Dinwiddie, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex and Isle of Wight counties. PGEC Enterprises, LLC, a cooperative subsidiary, has begun offering broadband service within the cooperative's service territory. For more information, visit www.pgec.coop and www.pgecfiber.com.