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Electric Cooperative Leaders Visit State Legislators

RICHMOND, VA, Jan. 30, 2019— More than 150 electric cooperative leaders from across Virginia gathered in Richmond Jan. 29 for Legislative Day activities sponsored by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

The Legislative Day event is held each year and gives electric cooperative leaders the opportunity to visit their state delegates and senators and discuss pending legislation of interest to electric cooperatives.

Prince George Electric Cooperative's legislative-visits delegation this year included Board of Director Matthew P. Carden, John M. Brock Jr., Denya C. Hankerson, Christopher T. Parker, Randolph G. Williams, Herbert R. Patrick, and Richard B. Scott. Also attending from Prince George Electric Cooperative, Mike Malandro, chief executive officer, Casey Logan, chief operations officer and Renee Chapline, vice president of government relations and communications.

Among pending bills discussed with legislators were two of interest to electric cooperatives: one a landmark net-metering compromise sponsored by Sen. Glen Sturtevant and Del. Tim Hugo; the other a regulatory-efficiency bill sponsored by Sen. Steve Newman.

Both bills would benefit electric cooperatives across Virginia if they become law, and both advanced unanimously out of committee and appeared to have good support among the lawmaker's co-op groups visited.

"The interaction with legislators and state officials increase awareness of electric cooperatives and the impact of providing energy to Virginia homeowners, agribusinesses and industrial customers," commented Casey Logan, chief operations officer. "These businesses served by the cooperatives create employment opportunities for residents living in rural communities that impact the state and local economy. "Virginia's electric cooperatives, as member-owned electric utilities, have very strong support among our lawmakers. The Legislative Day visits allow co-op directors and staff to cultivate and reinforce the good working relationships that co-ops have always had with their legislators," Logan concluded.

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