



Virginia Beneficial Electrification Leadership Summit

Thursday November 9, 2023

Location: Drury Plaza Hotel Richmond, Richmond, VA

Register at: <https://be-league.org/events/virginia>

8:00 – 9:00

Breakfast - Please arrive early to network and get settled before the 9am start time

9:00 – 9:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Welcome Remarks - Mary-Ann Ibeziako, AVP & CSO, VA Tech, ODEC, others.
- Framing the Promise and Potential of Beneficial Electrification- Keith Dennis, BEL

9:15 – 9:45

Viewpoints from VA Leaders on Beneficial Electrification Opportunities

- Chelsea Jenkins, Deputy Secretary of Commerce
- Kirk Johnson, Sr. VP Member Engagement, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative

9:45 – 10:30

Stakeholder Dialogue 1: Electric Transportation

- Alleyn Harned, Executive Director, Virginia Clean Cities
- Chris Berg, Director of Sustainability, Virginia Department of Transportation
- Cassandra J. Frysinger, Energy Program Coordinator, Shenandoah Valley EC
- Dawn Fenton, VP, Government Relations & Public Affairs, Volvo Group

10:30 – 10:45

Networking Break

10:45 – 11:45

Residential Opportunities – Weatherization/Electrification Together

- Erin Puryear, Manager of Member Energy Innovation Planning, Old Dominion EC
- Tray Biasioli, Climate Program Specialist, City of Charlottesville
- Tim Gaughan, Rheem
- Matt Baker, Energy Efficiency and Electric Programs, Daikin Comfort
- Bob Coates, Electric Program, USDA RUS
- Will Lange, Water Furnace

11:45 – 12:00

Remarks from Keynote Followed by Lunch – Andy Berke, USDA RUS Administrator

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch

1:00 – 1:45

Local Federal Funding Success Stories

- DOE Large Flow Battery Funding – A & N Electric Cooperative
- DOE Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Projects
 - Rappahannock Electric Cooperative
 - Dominion Energy Virginia

1:45 – 2:00

Local Government's Role in Partnerships – John Morrill – Acting Director, Fairfax Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination

2:00 – 2:30

Opportunities and Challenges with New Loads and Workforce

- KC Bleile, Executive Director, Viridiant
- Eric Paulson, Executive Director for the Virginia State Dairymen's Association
- Jon Sisler, Account Manager, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative

2:30 – 3:00

Innovation and Economic Development – Grid Management and Optimization Strategies

- Peter Muhoro, Chief Strategy, Technology, and Innovation Officer, Rappahannock EC
- Ali Mehrizi-Sani, Professor Power and Energy Center, VA Tech
- Adam Sledd, Executive Director, Dominion Energy Innovation Center

3:00 – 3:15

Break

3:15 – 4:30

Facilitated Research and Economic Development Roundtable