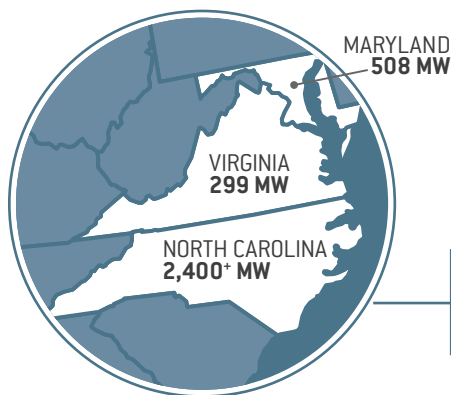




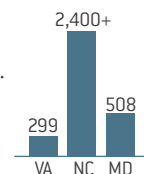
KEEP VIRGINIA AWESOME: SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY IN VIRGINIA

Virginians have been blessed with beautiful natural resources in the Commonwealth. It is the responsibility of its citizens to protect those natural resources and make sure that they are here for future generations. Virginians can do their part by promoting the development of renewable energy because it's clean and unlimited, which reduces the demand for non-renewable sources of energy, such as coal, oil, and natural gas.



Virginia suffers from a large energy gap when it comes to renewables and significantly lags behind when it comes to renewable generation.

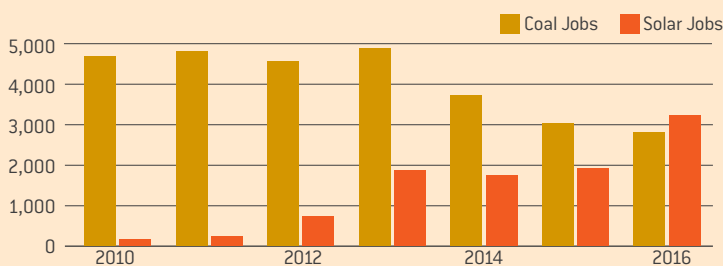
Virginia currently only generates 299 MW of renewable energy in Virginia. Our neighbor North Carolina is generating over 2,400 MW of renewable energy and Maryland is generating 508 MW of renewable energy.¹



For the first time in history, Virginia has more jobs in the solar industry than in the coal industry.

Over the last 5 years, coal jobs have **dropped** by **40%**. Yet in 2016 alone, solar jobs **grew** by **65%**.²

Coal Jobs Versus Solar Jobs in Virginia



Source: Solar Foundation and the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

America's leading businesses are taking the lead on climate action.

Nearly half of the companies in the 2016 Fortune 500 have set targets to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG), improve energy efficiency, and/or increase renewable energy usage. And among Fortune 100 companies, an even stronger **63 percent** have set the same targets.³

Corporate Renewable Energy Buyers' Principles:

Increasing access to renewable energy

70
companies

54
Million MWh of demand
for renewable energy

\$6
trillion in market cap

Currently, Virginia electric customers do not have the option to purchase 100% renewable energy.

- Renewable tariffs from Virginia's utility companies have been denied by the State Corporation Commission because they are not truly 100% renewable.
- While energy retailers have the opportunity to offer 100% renewable energy, they must stop if a utility succeeds in offering a renewable product.
- Thereby Virginians are effectively left in the dark when it comes to purchasing renewable energy and supporting a cleaner environment.



Support Virginia Energy Choice to remove the utility block-out and help protect our environment by unleashing the growth of renewable energy and allowing a true renewable electric product to Virginia customers.

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