



**January 8, 2025**

## **General Assembly on Hold**

The weekend storm knocked out power to the City of Richmond's water plant. This has forced the closure of the seat of Virginia's government including the Capitol and General Assembly Building. Word is that, after today's opening session they will return on Monday, which will make the frenetic pace of the 45 day session even more so. Bills are still being filed at a steady pace and we will be sending to you by Friday

Without question the worst bill we have seen to date is House Bill 2087 (<https://lis.virginia.gov/bill-details/20251/HB2087>) from Delegate Kathy Tran of Springfield, who is the number three Democrat in the House. If passed, this bill would allow the states two electric monopolies (APPCO and Dominion) to construct and operate fast charging stations virtually anywhere in Virginia after 2017. The costs for the electric chargers would be passed on to you, and all other ratepayers. Unsurprisingly, the profits would flow to the two monopoly utilities. We have already requested a meeting with the delegate to discuss our opposition to the legislation, and will be asking you to communicate the same with your delegates and senators.

## **Hours of Service**

In light of the cold weather and mid-week holidays over the past two weeks, many marketers are working overtime to meet demand during the coldest winter in over a decade. We have fielded requests for an hours of service waiver to date without success. Unfortunately, the present federal administration passed a rule that significantly increases the bureaucratic steps to receive a waiver. Despite this, waivers for state roads have been granted in North Carolina and Maryland. We have communicated this several times to the powers that be at the Emergency Operations Center and Department of Energy. We will continue to press and keep you informed.