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Virginia Department of Energy Names Bettina Bergoo as Deputy Director

RICHMOND, VA — The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) today announced that Bettina Bergoo will become the agency's Deputy Director, effective immediately.

"Bettina brings a depth of experience that will serve the residents of our Commonwealth well," said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Carrie Chenery. "She understands the importance of affordable and reliable energy to Virginia families and businesses, and she knows what it takes to translate policy into action. Her appointment reflects the administration's commitment to putting experienced leaders in positions where they can help deliver for Virginians."

Bergoo will work closely with Director Vince Maiden to support all the agency's divisions with a particular focus on implementation of the 2026 Virginia Energy Plan, expanding energy affordability initiatives, developing affordable and reliable energy policies, strengthening internal processes, and ensuring Virginians understand the programs and services available to them.

"Working closely with Bettina, I've seen firsthand what a thoughtful leader, energetic partner, and strategic planner she is," added Virginia Energy Director Vince Maiden. "She's an exemplary professional, and I am excited to have her by my side as we work to improve every aspect of Virginia Energy to better serve the millions of people who call our Commonwealth home."

Bergoo joined Virginia Energy in 2021 and has held increasingly senior roles within the agency, most recently serving as Director of Affordability and Competition. During her time at the agency, she has helped build and oversee programs serving residents, businesses, and communities across the Commonwealth while working with stakeholders across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in this new capacity alongside my Virginia Energy colleagues," said Bergoo. "There is a tremendous amount of challenging and necessary work ahead of us. I look forward to helping Virginia Energy deliver on the priorities outlined in the 2026 Virginia Energy Plan to drive affordable, reliable, clean, and local energy in service of communities across the Commonwealth."

Before joining the agency, Bergoo worked in the Natural Resources Defense Council's Green Finance Center, where she focused on financing strategies for energy efficiency, clean energy, and

climate resilience, including work to expand investment in affordable housing. Previously, her work focused on energy management and resilience on military bases for the Department of Defense, clean energy market growth to support economic diversification in Central Appalachia, and clean energy development in East Africa and India.

Bergoo holds a Master of Public Policy from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, a bachelor's degree with honors from Georgetown University, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Clean Energy States Alliance and the National Advisory Board for the Coalition for Green Capital.

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