



# ELECTION RESULTS

## coverage of local races

Details on city elections, including school board races  
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How North Carolina voted  
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## North Carolina and Indiana

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#### Obama wins N.C.

Sen. Barack Obama easily won the North Carolina primary on Tuesday. He was also poised to increase his lead in the popular vote.

#### Clinton leads Ind.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton led a close race in Indiana. Going in, her campaign had hoped for a big win there. Next week's primary is in West Virginia.

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## Chesapeake

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## Portsmouth

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## electricity in Hampton Roads

# DOMINION POWER SEEKS STATE'S OK TO RAISE RATES 18%

## UTILITY AIMS TO RECAPTURE PAST PRICE FREEZES WITH INCREASE

By Carolyn Shapiro  
*The Virginian-Pilot*

Gas prices are up. Food prices, too. And now comes electricity.

Dominion Virginia Power, the primary electricity provider in Hampton Roads, has asked state regulators to approve a fuel rate increase that would boost the average bill for residential customers by about 18 percent.

The change, which would take effect July 1, would increase the bill for a customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month to \$107.20, from \$90.59, or an extra \$200 per year.

In its filing to the State Corporation Commission late Tuesday afternoon, Dominion attributes the need for the increase on the escalating costs of commodities, particularly coal and natural gas, needed to run power plants.

"We are in a skyrocketing

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## coming tomorrow

## IT'S THE REVENGE OF N.E.R.D. ...

On the verge of its third album's release, this act with Beach roots performs Sunday.



## partly cloudy

High, low 80s.  
Low, low 60s.

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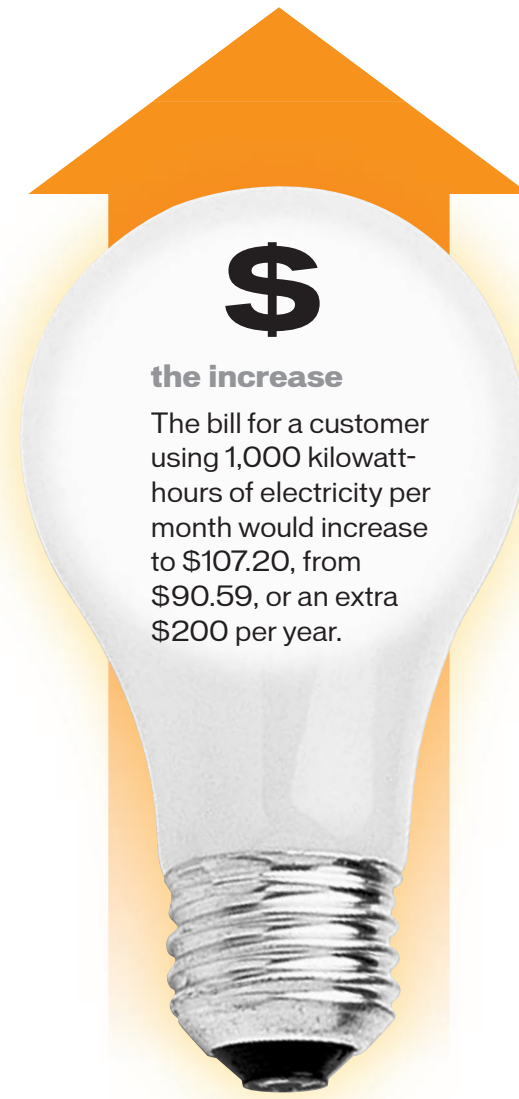


## reason for the request

Dominion attributes the need for the increase to the higher costs of commodities, particularly coal and natural gas, needed to run its plants.

## what's next

The State Corporation Commission will review Dominion's application and probably will hold a public hearing in the next several weeks. The increase would take effect July 1.



## the increase

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Brandy Whitley - with her 1-year-old daughter, Autumn, in tow - needed only one hand to cast her votes Tuesday at Kill Devil Hills Town Hall.

## Obama wins big in N.C. as Clinton holds Indiana edge

### Support of black vote again the backbone of Ill. senator's success

From staff and wire reports

Sen. Barack Obama won a commanding victory in the North Carolina primary on Tuesday and ran closely behind Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in early returns in Indiana, where the Clinton campaign was hoping for a big victory to propel her candidacy.

The results virtually ensured that Obama would widen his lead in pledged delegates over Clinton, giving him ammunition

as he seeks to get the Democratic Party to coalesce around his candidacy. He was also poised to increase his lead in the popular vote with a strong showing in North Carolina.

Obama's performance, particularly in North Carolina, was bolstered by a strong black vote. He captured more than 90 percent of those voters in that state, where blacks accounted for 1 in 3 voters. Overall, Clinton continued to draw strong support among whites, particularly older women.

In a speech Tuesday night, Obama proclaimed victory in North Carolina and

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### N.C. voter turnout

Registration reached record numbers in North Carolina this year. In Pasquotank County, almost as many people voted during early, one-stop voting as did in the entire presidential primary four years ago, a county elections official said.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

# ACROSS THE BOARD, VA. COLLEGES ARE INCREASING TUITION AND FEES

By Matthew Bowers  
*The Virginian-Pilot*

To the rising costs of gasoline and food, add higher education in Virginia, especially at two of its bigger and better-known universities.

In-state undergraduate students attending Virginia Tech this fall will see their tuition and mandatory fees jump 10.8 percent, the largest increase in at least five years. The same costs for out-of-state students will rise 5.3 percent.

Tech officials pointed to rising energy costs, additional faculty to handle enrollment growth, and increased safety features such as more police and emergency warning systems since the mass shootings of April 16, 2007, that killed 32 students and faculty. The Blacksburg university's Board of Visitors approved the increases Monday.

The University of Virginia on April 30

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## what it will cost

At Virginia Tech, in-state undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees will increase 10.8 percent in the fall. A full-time student would pay \$8,198 a year - \$801 more than this year.

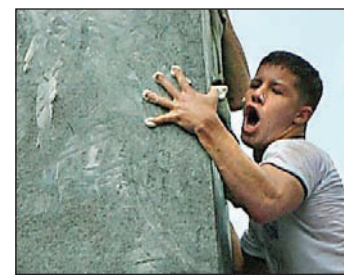
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## CYCLONE'S TOLL REACHES 22,000

Twice as many people are missing; parts of Myanmar are still out of reach to aid workers.

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## U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY CLIMB WILL ENDURE

The Herndon Climb - combining pebbles, lard and a granite obelisk - survives safety review.

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