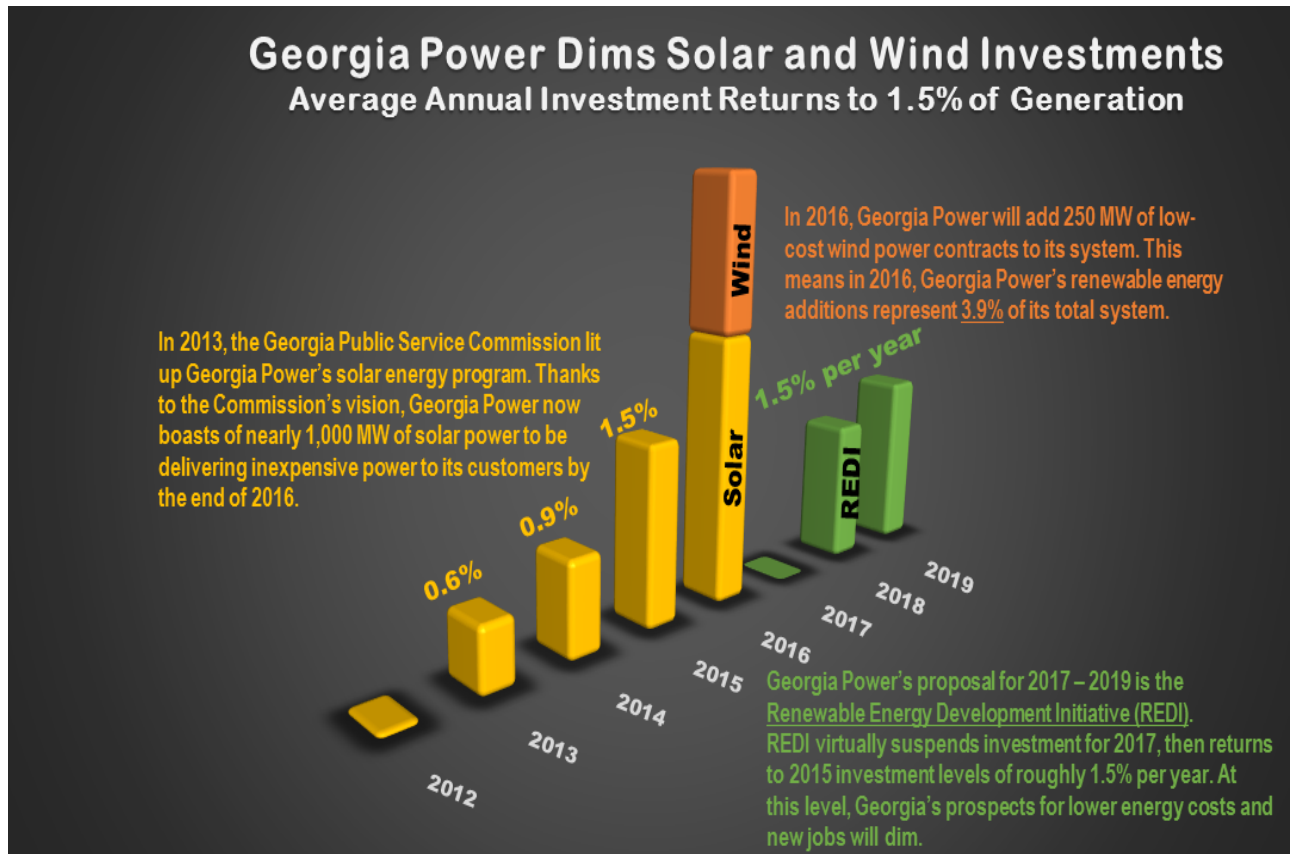


Georgia's Energy Future



Friday, Georgia Power Company filed a new Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the Georgia Public Service Commission that will dim the lights on Georgia's transition to clean energy. Although Georgia Power has touted the benefits that renewables offer to its customers, the company is proposing to slam the brakes on the successful renewable energy program that propelled Georgia forward as a solar leader. Instead, the company will continue prioritizing old, dirty and expensive coal-fired power plants to meet any future demand for electricity and flat-line energy efficiency programs that help families save money.

There is abundant, clean and cheap wind and solar power readily available to serve Georgia Power customers. Georgia already has 20,000 jobs in the clean energy sector and we've only scratched the surface. In 2013, Georgia Power didn't propose any renewable energy, but the Commission, led by Commissioner Bubba McDonald directed the creation of the successful program. This year, they have the opportunity to lead once again by directing Georgia Power to build upon the program, not scale it back.

Please tweet your support for #CleanEnergyforGA to Georgia's Public Service Commissioners!

Georgia Power's filing also fails to propose the retirement or phase-out of its oldest and most expensive coal-fired coal plants to operate, like Plants Hammond or McIntosh. For example, [a report issued last year](#) by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis found that Plant Hammond costs \$94 per megawatt hour to operate - twice as much as it costs Georgia Power to buy power on the market, especially low-cost wind power from the Great Plains. Moreover, Plant Hammond operated only about 15 percent of the time in 2014, likely due an increase in costs to run the plant. Keeping these plants in operation is an uneconomical choice for Georgia Power customers.

Over the coming months, we'll be asking you to weigh in with our Public Service Commission about making the right choices for our energy future. Increasingly cheap wind power, solar energy, and energy efficiency investments beat the dirty fuels of the past every time.

For now, if you are on Twitter, click here to retweet us in support for clean energy in Georgia!

The Georgia Chapter Presents: Love Thy Nature



Join us for a night of cinematic motivation, followed by a briefing on how you can get

involved in Sierra Club Georgia Chapter's key issue committees in 2016!

Narrated by Liam Neeson, Love Thy Nature is a cinematic immersion into the beauty and intimacy of our relationship with the natural world. With mesmerizing artistry and fascinating details, the film explores how nature nourishes us.

The film reveals how a relationship with nature ignites a sense of meaning and wonder so profound that it touches us at the very core of what it means to be human. Traversing the globe, Love Thy Nature shares the dazzling spectacles of our planet while revealing how a deeper connection with nature transforms us as people and communities. And that transformation inspires us not only to restore our ecosystems, but also our human family, and ourselves. The film has won various awards including:

3 Excellence Awards: Accolade Competition

4 Platinum Awards: International Indie Film Awards

Cosmic Angel Award: Cosmic Cine Filmfest

Best Cinematography Richmond Film Fest... and more!

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Sierra Club Meetings

Smart Energy Solutions Committee, Monday, February 1, 7 p.m.

Contact [Ian Karra](#)

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee, Monday, February 15, 7 p.m.

Contact [William Tomlin](#)

RAIL Committee, Monday, February 22, 7 p.m.

Contact [Brionté McCorkle](#)

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Upcoming Events



February 4th - What's Next? Local to Global Perspectives on COP21 - On the afternoon of November 29, more than 500 of us came together for the People's Climate March Atlanta to demand climate action at COP21. Now, Georgians who participated in the conference will reflect on the historic climate agreement in a panel discussion, and you're invited! Panelists who attended COP21 will explore questions like: Were COP21 and the Paris Agreement a success? Does the Paris Agreement go far enough? ...and many more! [Click here for more details >>](#)



February 9th - Savannah Townhall Meeting - Join our local Coastal Group at Frank G Murray Community Center of Whitemarsh Island for a community townhall meeting to get informed and prepare to take action to stop Kinder Morgan from putting a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export facility on Elba Island to export fracked gas from Savannah to foreign markets. If this project moves forward, Savannah residents will be forced to accept serious risks to their health, safety, property and environment. [Click here for more information >>](#)



February 17th - Capitol Conservation Day - Registration is now open for Capitol Conservation Day! Join the Georgia Water Coalition Leadership Team for a day at the Capitol meeting with YOUR legislators to talk about important water issues in Georgia. We will start the day with a free buffet breakfast at 8AM at Central Presbyterian Church across the street from the Capitol. After briefings on current water related legislation we will go across the street and meet with legislators. [To find out more about this important event and to register, click here >>](#)



March 5th - Basic 101 Trail Maintenance - Local Sierra Club volunteers have taken on maintaining the Broad River Trail near the city of Toccoa in north Georgia. They are calling for others to join them by first attending a full-day Basic 101 Trail Maintenance Course held by the U.S. Forest Service. This course is for those who want to learn about trail maintenance, and who wish to pursue crew leader certification with USFS in the future. **If interested, please respond with your name, address, email and phone number to Mirza Balic at mirza.balic@georgia.sierraclub.org**

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