



GA Solar
GEORGIA SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION

August 2016

Georgia Solar Elects New Chair

I am honored to be voted Chair of GA Solar. With the 2016 IRP focusing heavily on utility-scale solar, it is more clear than ever that our mission at GA Solar must be to focus on the deployment of distributed generation (DG) solar.



DG solar refers to electricity that is produced at or near the point where it is used, typically located on rooftops or ground mounted and connected to the local utility distribution grid.

With the cost of solar down dramatically over the past few years, solar is now cost-competitive with traditional generation sources, giving consumers a legitimate energy choice.

We are currently at a turning point in Georgia. Are we going to continue to stay with the status quo or will we accelerate the transition to a clean, renewable energy future that promotes economic development and creates jobs for Georgians? [Read More](#)



Georgia Power (three-year) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Expands Renewables

The Georgia Public Service Commission has approved a plan for how Georgia Power will meet the state's energy demand for the next 20 years.

The plan includes 1,600 megawatts of renewable power, including solar, to be deployed between now and 2021. The 1,600 megawatts contained in the proposal also includes 300 megawatts of wind power Georgia Power will purchase from the Midwest as well as 150 megawatts of distributed solar resources. Click "FIND OUT MORE" for the report from the Solar Industry Magazine.

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Best remedy for a hot August day - GA Solar "Solar Connections" Networking & Social

WHEN: Tuesday, August 16th
TIME: 6:00pm - 8pm
WHERE: Orpheus Brewery,
1440 Dutch Valley Pl., NE, ATL, 30324

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Overlooking Piedmont Park and the Atlanta Beltline, Orpheus brews up some of Atlanta's most critically acclaimed craft beer. Come meet our new Board Chair, Don Moreland, and mingle with your other Georgia solar industry colleagues. **GA Solar members can bring one guest for FREE -- just register your guest using the promo code "FREEGUEST" when you sign-up for the event!**

GEORGIA'S ENERGY BILLS AMONG HIGHEST IN THE NATION!

Georgians' energy costs are among the highest in the nation thanks to a combination of huge electricity bills and all that gasoline they burn sitting in Atlanta's traffic jams, [according to WalletHub](#), a list-happy online consumer news site. [Read More](#)



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SOUTHERN SOLAR SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016
GTRI Conference Center @ Georgia Tech
250 14th St., NW, ATL, GA 30318

Terry Jester, CEO of Silicor Materials and 37-year veteran of the solar industry, will give the Morning Keynote Address. At the pinnacle of a career that has tracked the

progress and development of the solar industry, Ms. Jester now heads a company that produces high-quality, environmentally sustainable solar silicon. Before joining Silicor in 2010 she held engineering positions at SoloPower, SunPower, SolarWorld, Siemens, Arco and Shell.



Jon Wellinghoff, SolarCity Chief Policy Officer and the longest serving chair in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's history, from 2009-2013, will present the Afternoon Keynote Address. Wellinghoff has been at the forefront of policies to support the momentous growth of clean, renewable energy, promoting electric market efficiency and the integration of disruptive new energy resources into wholesale energy markets.

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President Obama renews goal to bring solar to low-income housing

(www.greenbiz.com)

In July, the White House announced a series of presidential executive orders designed to accelerate the rollout of solar power, beefing up solar industry training services and setting a goal to deliver 1 gigawatt of capacity to low and moderate income communities by the end of the decade. Dubbed the *Clean Energy Savings For All Initiative*, the program represents a tenfold increase on the Obama administration's previous target to install 100 megawatt of renewable energy on federally assisted affordable housing by 2020. **Learn More**



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It's time for solar for all, says new report from Southern Environmental Law Center, partners

Southern utilities have done little to bring the proven economic advantages of solar power to lower income families and communities that could most use the benefits of this cost-saving energy. A report released in June outlines how the utilities can implement simple options going forward to expand solar power to struggling communities, instead of erecting barriers to solar adoption. **Read More**

Solarize Decatur-DeKalb

The Solarize Decatur-DeKalb campaign is set to launch Thursday, September 1st, making solar more affordable and accessible for the residents of the City of Decatur and DeKalb County than ever. The Solarize Decatur-DeKalb coalition held a town hall meeting to a packed house in June and received critical feedback from the 150 or so residents to help guide the contractor(s) selection process. A request for proposal for bids went out on July 6th and was published in the local newspaper. Visit www.solarizedecatur-dekalb.com for more information.



Update on Streamlining Solar Permitting Process

GA Solar is leading the effort to bring a more comprehensive and sensible permitting process and best practices to Georgia.

The majority of residential and small commercial solar PV systems installed in Georgia share many similarities of design that make it possible to standardize a streamlined model permitting

process for small-scale solar PV systems. Originally promulgated through Solar America Board for Codes and Standards, the following permitting framework and best practices was developed through a collaboration of Georgia solar PV experts and industry stakeholders to

be used by Georgia governments as a tool to promote residential and small commercial solar PV and economic development in Georgia.

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Coastal Solar / Poultry Farm Project/ 20.8kW
Reidsville (Evans County), GA

Coastal Solar / Poultry Farm Project /46.5 kW
Statesboro (Bulloch County), GA

Solar Energy Frees Poultry Farmers from Utility Roller-Coaster

Volatile and ever-increasing energy prices hurt the bottom line for poultry farms like nothing else. With prices going up one month, down the next, and then way up the month after that, you can't run your farm houses with this kind of uncertainty. And though most roller coasters go up and down, everyone knows this one will end up higher than where it started.

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Be sure to connect with GA Solar through our **Facebook Page**. Every day we post articles on the solar industry as it relates to Georgia, the southeast, and the nation.



IN THE NEWS...



SOLAR in the SOUTHEAST

[Duke Energy Renewables Control Center Crosses 3,500-Megawatt Milestone](#)

[Tallahassee Airport Solar Farm Gets FAA Approval](#)

[Boy Scouts Learn Sustainability From Food Lion, Strata Solar](#)

[Solar Battles are Shaping Up on Ballots](#)

[Community Solar Comes to Eatonton, Georgia](#)

SOLAR on the NATIONAL STAGE

[27,000 New Jobs by 2021 Due to Solar & Energy Storage \(Paper\)](#)

[New Solar Workforce Development Training Program](#)

[The Top 10 Solar States and How Utilities Are Fighting Them](#)



[Consumer Reports: Should You Buy or Lease Solar Panels?](#)

[There's a Dirty War on Solar Power](#)

[Deep Politics, Dark Money and Fraud Join the Solar Party](#)

[Apple Enters the Solar Market](#)

U.S. COMMUNITY SOLAR GUIDE



Westmill Solar Park, UK

US Community Solar Guide Released by SEIA & CCSA

Community solar continues to grow, as solar becomes more and more popular and solar prices continue dropping.

Recognizing this upsurge in community solar, the **Solar Energy Industries Association** (SEIA), along with the Coalition for Community Solar Access (CCSA) recently released "The Residential

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Consumer Guide to Community Solar."

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