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GEORGIA SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the Chairman



A PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY...

"... On August 15, the International Trade Commission (ITC) heard testimony on a petition filed by bankrupt Georgia panel manufacturer Suniva asking the commission to recommend the imposition of steep tariffs on all panels imported to the U.S. The tariffs would roughly double the cost of panels to the U.S. solar industry.

The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) has been joined in opposition to this request for tariffs by a wide range of political and financial interests. All of these pro-solar allies, including the conservative Heritage Foundation, want to protect

the more than 250,000 solar jobs and billions of dollars in solar investment that are threatened by this petition.

Here in Georgia, as many as 2,000 solar jobs statewide could be in jeopardy if tariffs are imposed on imported solar panels.... " [Read More](#)

Suniva Trade Case

MARATHON HEARING HELD FOR SUNIVA TRADE CASE

A proposal to impose steep tariffs to protect U.S. solar manufacturers faced careful scrutiny - and a wall of opposition - during high-stakes proceedings ... that could shape the future of the domestic solar industry.



The U.S. International Trade Commission in Washington, Ellen M. Gilmer/E&E News

The U.S. International Trade Commission heard nearly 10 hours of testimony in its consideration of petitions from solar cell manufacturers Suniva Inc. (of Georgia) and SolarWorld Americas Inc.

The companies' request: tariffs and a price floor for imported crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, which are used to make most solar modules....

On the other side is an army of opponents from the broader solar industry who say the proposal would derail American solar, causing prices to skyrocket and threatening as many as 88,000 solar jobs next year. [Learn More](#)

GEORGIA SOLAR MISSION:

To advance the sustainable economic and environmental benefits of solar energy for Georgia through education, advocacy, community and industry support.

U.S. Grid Study



COMMENTARY: Tim Echols, Commissioner, Georgia Public Service Commission

I voted for Donald Trump. I am thrilled at appointments he has made. I like the federalist approach that agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency are taking under Trump, giving more consideration to individual states. But one of the administration's actions is giving me more than a little pause.

The Department of Energy is currently conducting a study intended to assess the strength of the nation's electric grid. The study explores whether renewable energy policies and regulations are problematic for grid reliability, a notion Energy Secretary Rick Perry has suggested might be the case. A leaked draft of the study that was compiled by DOE career staff, however, found that renewable energy is not harming the grid.

I applaud President Trump's focus on increasing American energy independence, protecting our national security, giving taxpayers a break and creating good-paying jobs. But intentionally weakening renewable energy policy at the state level would accomplish none of his core objectives. The administration should recognize the many benefits that renewables are bringing to communities in Georgia and across the nation. [Read More](#)

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Trends in Distributed Solar Policy



TRENDS IN THE RAPID EVOLUTION OF U.S. DISTRIBUTED SOLAR POLICY

The North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center shares what it has observed in its years of tracking solar policy changes and proposals:

Distributed solar policy is undoubtedly in a period of fast-paced - and often controversial - change, mirroring the rapid expansion of the solar industry itself. We at the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC) began formally tracking solar policy as part of the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE) in 1995. The center has since expanded these efforts (in addition to its work in other renewables and energy efficiency), tracking proposed changes to distributed solar policy and rate design in its "50 States of Solar" quarterly report series for the last few years. [Learn More](#)

Nuclear Power Projects Grind to a Halt...

BILLIONS LOST IN NUCLEAR POWER PROJECTS, WITH MORE BILLS DUE...



1 MW PV Plant on Half-Built Nuclear Power Plant in Tennessee

"...Only one is still being built, in Georgia, at a cost of \$100 million a month..."

Most of the 18 nuclear projects pending before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a decade ago have been aborted or suspended indefinitely. None of the 7 projects the NRC licensed are operational. Only one is still being built, in Georgia, at a cost of \$100 million a month. Southern Company financial documents filed Wednesday say the project, slated to cost \$14 billion, could cost \$25 billion or more if completed. [Read More](#)



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North Carolina National Leader in Solar

NORTH CAROLINA HAS NOW BECOME THE SECOND BIGGEST SOLAR STATE IN AMERICA

According to the new SEIA's U.S. Solar Market Insight report, North Carolina has officially beat out Arizona to become the second-biggest solar-producing state in the country.



(The) state's solar installations have even helped the U.S. solar market almost double its annual record, topping out at 14,625 megawatts of solar photovoltaic installed in 2016 (a 95% increase over 2015's 7,493 megawatts), according to the report.

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NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS RALLY TO SAVE STATE'S SOLAR INDUSTRY

In the uncharacteristic show of support for solar power, the state's two Republican U.S.

senators and eight GOP members of the U.S. House are urging the federal government to allow the flow of cheap imports of Chinese and Asian solar panels into the state. The dramatic price drop of solar panels in recent years fueled a boom in solar farm development in North Carolina, making solar power increasingly affordable for households, businesses and utility companies.

North Carolina is second in the nation in installed solar farm power capacity, behind solar powerhouse California, and would be one of the nation's biggest losers if solar panel prices rose as a result of a global trade war. The threat to cheap solar panels stems from a case alleging unfair trade practices that was heard (last) Tuesday at the U.S. International Trade Commission in Washington. [Read More](#)



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Rooftop Solar

ROOFTOP SOLAR IS NO MATCH FOR CRONY CAPITALISM (Bloomberg)

....The clobbering of rooftop solar should cause dismay not just among environmentalists worried about global warming, but also among economists, policy makers and anyone who cares about economic efficiency. This is a case of an incumbent industry using the power of government to suppress a revolutionary new technology. That's not good for anyone except the incumbent.



There is actually an economic case to be made against the main policy the utilities want to get rid of, which is called net metering. Net metering forces utility companies to buy surplus electricity from rooftop solar owners at the retail price. [Read More](#)



ROOFTOP SOLAR DIMS

UNDER PRESSURE FROM UTILITY LOBBYISTS (NYT)

Over the past six years, rooftop solar panel installations have seen explosive growth - as much as 900 percent by one estimate.

That growth has come to a shuddering stop this year, with a projected decline in new installations of 2 percent, according to projections from Bloomberg New Energy Finance. A number of factors are driving the reversal, from saturation in markets like California to financial woes at several top solar panel makers.

But the decline has also coincided with a concerted and well-funded lobbying campaign by traditional utilities, which have been working in state capitals across the country to reverse incentives for homeowners to install solar panels.

Utilities argue that rules allowing private solar customers to sell excess power back to the grid at the retail price - a practice known as net metering - can be unfair to homeowners who do not want or cannot afford their own solar installations. [Read More](#)

UPDATES



Enrollment period begins: Friday, Sept. 1st.
Official kick-off event: Thurs., Sept. 7th
@ Dunwoody Nature Center,
5343 Roberts Dr, Dunwoody, GA 30338

SOLARIZE DUNWOODY

The coalition running Solarize Dunwoody announced (on Monday, 8/21) the selection of solar installer Hannah Solar for the Community Solar Campaign that will launch on Sept. 1st.

Dunwoody area residents, local governments and businesses are encouraged to sign-up for a solar evaluation between September 1st and the end of January 2018. Solarize programs facilitate major savings by leveraging the power of bulk purchasing. Pricing is based on a tier system; more participation helps to bring the price down for everyone.

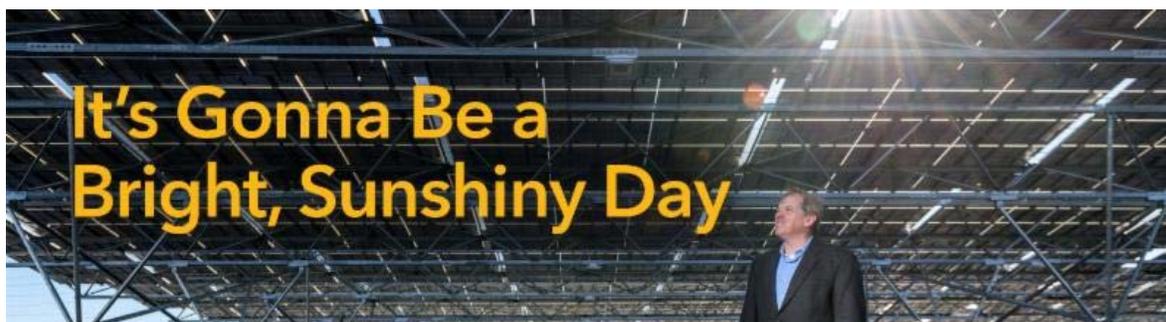


Georgia ranks 8th in the country for installed solar capacity but the majority of the energy we use in our homes still comes from coal, gas and nuclear power plants. Community Solarize programs in Athens and Decatur-DeKalb County are working to change that. The two predecessors to Solarize Dunwoody installed over 200 rooftop solar arrays and generated over 1.3 MW of solar electricity.

COALITION PARTNERS: Dunwoody Sustainability Committee, UMC Earthkeepers, GIPL, Environment Georgia, Dunwoody Homeowner's Association, and Solar Crowdfunder.

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Norman "Finn" Findley stands beneath a canopy of shiny solar panels that covers a parking lot adjacent to what will be Atlanta's new football stadium.

"It blows people's minds," Findley said, explaining to two visitors how his company's QuadPod Solar Canopy system will work. "It still blows my mind a little bit."

Findley is CEO of the startup Quest Renewables, and this project is one of their most expansive undertakings to date. It comprises two sets of canopies that measure about 130 feet by 250 feet each. Solar canopies are high ground-clearance structures designed for solar panels, but they also function as carports by providing shade for vehicles parked beneath them. [Learn More](#)

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