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Georgia Power, Commissioners Stall Out on Wind

About a year ago, the Public Service Commission (PSC) [approved a 250 megawatt \(MW\) wind deal between Georgia Power and the Blue Canyon Wind Project in Oklahoma](#). It was such a great deal that the Commission approved it outside of the regular planning process and ordered Georgia Power to investigate if there were other good deals in the market.



In December Georgia Power put out a Request for Information and submitted a [report back to the PSC in February](#). In total 6,500 MW replied, some of which were priced as little as a third of what it currently costs Georgia Power to produce electricity. The federal tax incentive (affectionately known as the PTC, or the production tax credit), expired at the end of last year. But many of these projects are far enough along that they are grandfathered in, meaning they are in limited supply. Despite the rosy outlook for acting fast, Georgia Power recommended NOT moving forward with doing a more formal Request for Proposals and argued these deals will be around in another year, after they go through their planning process.

Although the PSC's own staff recommends moving forward, Commissioners discussed the issue on Thursday and decided to take no action. [Ask Commissioners to protect Georgia ratepayers and lock in cheap wind now, before it's too late.](#)

Georgia Chapter Director Recognized by Atlanta Magazine

Colleen Kiernan has been selected as one of [Atlanta Magazine's "Women Making a Mark."](#) The program recognizes and celebrates Atlanta women who are positively shaping our city. The honorees exhibit tireless dedication, strong leadership, and impassioned goodwill. The objective of the Women Making a Mark is to celebrate the contributions and successes of metro-Atlanta women and to recognize the impact they are having on those around them. [Click here to read Colleen's profile and watch the video interview.](#)



Sierra Club Meetings

Wildlands & Wildlife Committee Meeting, Monday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.

William Tomlin, wmltom@gmail.com

RAIL Committee Meeting, Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

Brionté McCorkle, brionte.mccorkle@sierraclub.or

Smart Energy Committee Meeting, Monday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.

Cecilia Harris, ceciliaharris@gmail.com

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Other Events



June 15-26th - The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Roadshow - Join Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols for The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Roadshow. The show will stop in Gainesville, Cartersville, Albany, Atlanta, St. Simon's Island, Valdosta, and Savannah. All stops will feature a Vehicle Showcase & Test Drive where attendees can see the latest in fleet and passenger vehicles from trucks to cars, visit with vehicle manufacturers, and ask questions about the latest models in electric,

natural gas, bio-fuel and propane vehicles. Afterwards, attendees will hear from a series of experts who will share details about the Economics of Clean Fleets. [Click here to register.](#)

June 19th - ESGA & GCS Collaborative Corporate Forum - EarthShare of Georgia and Green Chamber of the South are joining together to host the Collaborative Corporate Forum - From the Office to the Out-of-Doors: Community Engagement Partnerships for Georgia's Air, Land and Water.

The corporate forum will focus on ways to "connect the dots" from corporate sustainability programs to employee engagement. Our panel, moderated by Michael Halicki, Executive Director of Park Pride and Vice Chair of EarthShare of Georgia's Board of Directors, includes EarthShare of Georgia board members Jami Buck-Vance, from Cox Enterprises and Jane Mahan, with Interface, as well as Sharon Getties, with Kaiser Permanente. [Click here to register.](#)



June 27th - Healing Hike at Sweetwater! - Join us for an easy-to-moderate hike with our friends at [Outdoor Afro](#). The hike will include a view of the five story ruins of the Civil War-era New Manchester textile mill and focus on the history of the Sweetwater Creek Valley. We will see the lovely whitewater rapids which provide great photo opportunities. \$5 parking; but you can save \$5 by securing a GA State Park pass from your local library. We will meet in the parking lot at 3PM. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a camera, lots of water and snacks. Call 1-678-744-4989 when you arrive. [Click](#)

[here to register.](#)

SAVE THE DATE! October 23 to 25th - 2015

Georgia Chapter Retreat - The Georgia Chapter's bi-annual gathering will take place At Crooked River State Park in St. Mary's, GA. Join us and experience a weekend of fun, adventure and learning with your fellow Sierra Club volunteers and leaders from all over Georgia. We will go on hikes, paddle down the river and take a trip to Cumberland Island! There will also be an opportunity to participate in workshops about the Sierra Club, our history, and the issues we work on. On Saturday evening, we will host an awards banquet to recognize our volunteer leaders.



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