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GA Solar honors Jonnell Minefee as GA Solar Woman in Solar 2021 Award



This June, GA Solar held our sixth annual Women in Solar Energy (WISE) event. As an organization we recognize the need for more women and people of color in our solar community. [In 2019 the Solar Foundation researched diversity in our industry](#) and found that women and African Americans are both underrepresented in the solar workforce and identified a wide gender gap in pay, advancement, and job satisfaction.

To close the program a surprise guest, Abby Ross Hopper, the CEO of the Solar Energy Industry Association joined the webinar to give GA Solar's 2021 Woman in Solar award to **Jonnelle Carol Minefee of Solar Tyme USA**.

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Hey Georgia, Three ways to get involved today!

#1

Behind-the-Meter (BTM) solar working group.

We're starting a working group to support BTM solar. If you think BTM is important to you and your business, please send an email to chairman@gasolar.org. Important matters require your attention and we're asking for your help.

#2

#shareyoursolar

The Georgia Solar Energy Association wants to share solar success stories with lawmakers and elected officials. If you've installed solar on your home or business please take a moment to complete our [#shareyoursolar survey](#) for a chance to be

[> Watch WISE Event](#)

Georgia Solar Slowdown as Georgia Power Program Reaches Cap

The rapid adoption of solar energy systems by Georgia home and business owners under Georgia Power's 'Monthly Net Metering' program is about to grind to a halt and could threaten solar jobs in the state. When the Public Service Commission established the program in 2019 it placed a cap on the number of customers that could benefit from monthly netting. That cap has now been reached and it happened much more quickly than anyone anticipated.

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[> Read Industry Letter to PSC to Lift the Caps](#)



Scrap the Solar Cap

Webinar, July 28 @ 12pm. Now that the caps on the program have been met, what happens next? Join the discussion and learn more about how the caps on monthly netting will impact customers, businesses, and job growth in Georgia. Find out what you can do to help **Scrap the Solar Cap!**

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featured in our newsletter and on social media!

#3

Solar Company Census

We're conducting a 2021 census to track the influx of new solar companies as a result of [Monthly-Netting](#). Let us know of new solar companies working in your area by sending an email to census@gasolar.org.



Your donations - both small and large - to GA Solar supports our efforts to extend the benefits of solar energy to all Georgians and keep our solar industry strong.

[Become a Member](#)

GA Solar supports the development of a robust solar industry in Georgia through advocacy, education and outreach. ***We depend on membership and sponsorship contributions to make our work possible.***

To view a PDF detailing the benefits of membership and sponsorship levels, [please click here.](#)

30 Times More Jobs from Rooftop Solar, Utility Filing Says



"In a nondescript table was a bombshell revelation about the relative economic benefits of solar at small scale: **for every million the utility proposed spending on rooftop solar, it would create 30 times more jobs than \$1 million spent on utility-scale solar.**"

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ROBERTSON COLUMN: Georgia needs more clean energy to stimulate the economy



Clean energy has become an economic boom for Georgia. We are growing in solar installations, solar jobs, and access to clean, cost-efficient energy.

Georgia is in excellent shape to proceed with more solar and electric battery production to stimulate our economy, improve our air quality, and provide clean, cost-efficient energy.

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Report: Achieving 100% Clean Electricity in the Southeast



A new SACE report, "Achieving 100% Clean Electricity in the Southeast: Enacting a Federal Clean Electricity Standard," shows not only that it is possible for the four largest utilities in the Southeast to achieve 100% clean electricity, but there are several pathways to get there.

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Solar panels increase property value



We completed research on how homes are valued with energy upgrades like home solar panels. We found several sources of solid information on the subject and compiled them here.

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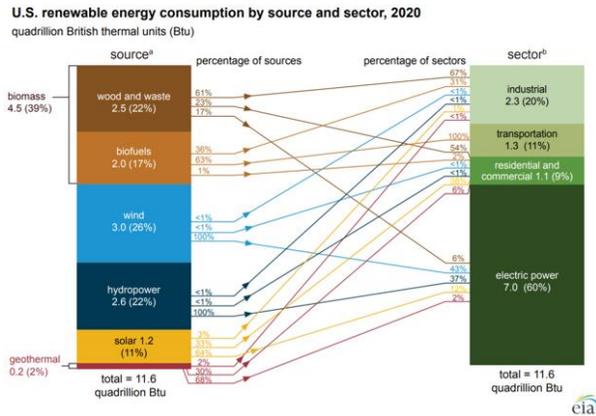
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The United States consumed a record amount of renewable energy in 2020



In 2020, consumption of renewable energy in the United States grew for the fifth year in a row, reaching a record high of 11.6 quadrillion British thermal units (Btu), or 12% of total U.S. energy consumption. Renewable energy was the only source of U.S. energy consumption that increased in 2020 from 2019; fossil fuel and nuclear consumption declined.

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Regulators approve nearly 1 GW of solar PPAs for Georgia Power



Georgia Power won approval from state regulators to buy 970 MW of solar power from five other utilities. The 30-year power purchase agreements are part of Georgia Power's renewable energy programs included in its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan.

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U.S. solar industry passes 100 GW of installed capacity, SEIA report says



The U.S. solar market passed 100 GW of installed electric generating capacity in the first quarter, doubling the size of the industry over the last 3.5 years, according to the [U.S. Solar Market Insight Q2 2021 report](#), released by the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) and Wood Mackenzie.

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