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GEORGIA SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the Chairman

COME TOGETHER TO STAY STRONG...

The solar industry is facing its greatest threat to date. So, the time couldn't be more perfect to gather and recommit to what protects our vitality in the market.

Unquestionably, the recent ruling from the International Trade Commission that imported solar modules have caused injury to domestic manufacturers could end up imposing a painful new burden on our thriving market. A forty-cent increase in the cost of modules, for example, would erase the gains made in recent years by increasing the cost of utility-scale solar by about 25%, C&I market 20%, and residential market 15%.



But no tariffs are in place yet, and time remains to mitigate the harm that this misguided action could have on our state, cities, industry, and thousands of working family jobs and welfare. In short, we can hope for the best but we should prepare for the worst. [Read More](#)

International Trade Commission



5 KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE ITC'S SOLAR TRADE CASE VOTE:

What you need to know about the ITC's "injury" finding, and what's coming next as the remedy phase gets underway.

The U.S. International Trade Commission voted unanimously on September 22, 2017 for an affirmative determination of injury to U.S. producers of crystalline silicon photovoltaic products -- such as solar cells, modules and panels -- from increased imports of those products into the U.S. market.

The vote concludes the "injury phase" of the investigation, which began on May 17 with the acceptance of a petition for relief from imported crystalline silicon photovoltaic (CSPV) products filed by solar manufacturer Suniva, Inc. (later joined by SolarWorld Americas, Inc.) pursuant to Sections 201-202 of the Trade Act of 1974. **Read More**

WHY ITC SOLAR TRADE CASE IS FAR FROM OVER

Let's put it bluntly. The International Trade Commission (ITC) made the wrong decision (today) in its finding of injury in the Section 201 solar trade case.



Should the ITC move ahead with recommending import tariffs, quotas, or other global import restrictions, the result will be right out of an Economics 101 textbook. Prices for American-manufactured solar equipment will rise, and a global marketplace will adjust to source from competitively-priced foreign sources. That could undermine an American industry that has been experiencing exponential growth and creating jobs at an unprecedented rate. And the potential knock-on effect on other industries we partner with - including steel, glass and aluminum - is alarming.

If the intent of tariffs is to protect U.S. companies and employees, the practical effect would be just the opposite. We need the Trump Administration to secure America's position as an energy innovation leader, or a global competitor will undoubtedly seize the moment.

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GEORGIA SOLAR MISSION:

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

9th Annual Southern Solar Summit

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
Registration Begins at 9:00am
The Carter Center, 453 Freedom Parkway, NE
Atlanta, GA 30307

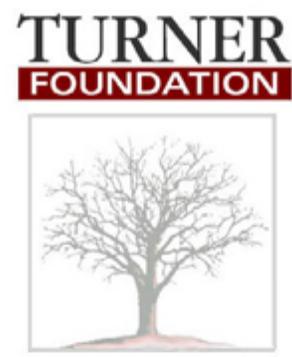


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Breaking News...

STAN WISE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PSC, WON'T SEEK RE-ELECTION IN 2018

The Marietta Daily Journal has landed the scoop of the morning. Stan Wise, chairman of the state Public Service Commission, has announced that he won't be seeking re-election in 2018.



Wise, a resident of Cobb County, has served 23 years on the commission. His announcement makes almost certain that the state utility commission will vote to allow Georgia Power and its utility partners to continue the construction of two new nuclear reactors at Plant Vogtle. The vote is scheduled for February. [Read More](#)

Responding to Puerto Rico's Grid Failure

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Hurricanes Clear The Way For Tesla To Power Puerto Rico & The Caribbean

Nevada Regulators Deny Rate Hikes



GEORGIA POWER LAUNCHES RENEWABLES PROGRAM FOR LARGE CUSTOMERS

Atlanta-based Georgia Power has launched what the utility says is its latest program to help grow renewable energy in Georgia: C&I REDI. The program is available to commercial and industrial (C&I) customers under the Renewable Energy

Development Initiative (REDI), which was developed in coordination with and approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission in 2016. Through the voluntary program, participating customers will receive hourly credits matching actual production as well as the solar renewable energy credits (RECs) from up to 200 MW of renewable resources procured under REDI. **Learn More**

MANDATORY SOLAR FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION - HOUSING KILLER OR PV BOOM?

St. Petersburg, Fla.,'s call for requiring PV systems on new or extensively improved housing begs the question of its impact.



St. Petersburg, Fla., became the latest city to propose requiring solar photovoltaic systems on

new residential construction and not yet fully defined extensive remodeling and additions. It would join South Miami in implementing mandatory solar where major building permits are sought.

Actions like these have long-term policy implications as cities move to incorporate renewable energy and other sustainability standards. But what kind of a tangible impact will require solar on new construction and extensive remodeling have on St Petersburg housing stock? If history is any guide, it won't be dramatic. [Read More](#)

FERC Subsidies for Coal and Nuclear



FERC SETS EXPEDITED TIMELINE FOR COAL, NUCLEAR BAILOUT

... Rick Perry is asking the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to push through a rule that would bail out nuclear and coal plants, despite the overwhelming desire by utilities to shutter these expensive, inefficient plants.

In the face of all facts to the contrary, Secretary Perry is still claiming that reliability and resiliency concerns mandate the out-of-market support of such conventional generation. And the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has now agreed to an expedited schedule ..., a development first reported by Utility Dive, with initial comments due on October 23rd and a second round on November 7th. [Learn More](#)



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UPDATES

SOLARIZE DUNWOODY

Solarize Dunwoody launched September 1st



and already the program has reached Tier II pricing which is a tremendous accomplishment.

However, the real story emerging from this program is that the future of solar plus storage appears to have arrived in Dunwoody. The selected contractor, Hannah Solar, reports that five of the first six contracts signed include a purchase of the Tesla Powerwall 2 battery storage system. Battery storage provides a back-up source of energy in case of a power outage, and helps extend use of the power of the sun well into the evening and nighttime hours. The program runs through January 2018. More information is available at www.solarizedunwoody.com.

CLIMATE ALLIANCE: 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

ALLIANCE STATES TAKE THE LEAD



The U.S. Climate Alliance is a bipartisan coalition of states that have joined together to address this existential threat. We are taking action to curb the emissions that cause climate change. We are investing in vulnerability assessments and planning, new infrastructure, nature-based solutions and innovative technologies that can help people adapt to a changing climate and its impacts. While adapting to these impacts will be necessary, the U.S. Climate Alliance remains committed to strong actions that will avoid the most dangerous and irreversible consequences of climate change. [Learn More](#)

**381 US CLIMATE MAYORS
 -- 70+ FROM SOUTHERN STATES --
 COMMIT TO PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT GOALS**



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Len Foote Hike Inn

LEN FOOTE HIKE INN
Dawsonville, Georgia

"Brighter days are ahead for the Len Foote Hike Inn, an environmentally sustainable wilderness lodge in the North Georgia mountains, thanks to a newly installed

53.72 kW solar photovoltaic array. The "Above the Grid" solar project supplies nearly 70 percent of the inn's electricity needs and will educate thousands of guests annually about the value of sustainable environmental practices."



Check it Out!



SCREENINGS

Wednesday, October 4th @ 6pm
Tate Student Center Theatre
University of Georgia
45 Baxter St, Athens, GA 30605
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Friday, October 6th @ 6pm
Atlanta City Hall
55 Trinity Ave., SW, ATL, GA 30303
[RSVP](#)

Saturday, October 7th @ 3pm
Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church
1978 Mt. Vernon Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338
[RSVP](#)

Saturday, October 7th @ 6pm
Georgia Tech Theatre (Ferst Center for the Arts)
350 Ferst Drive, NW, ATL, GA 30332
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