EMC Members: Your Vote in the PSC Election Matters

Even if you don't get a bill from Georgia Power, the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) still impacts your wallet, your health, and your community. Here's why Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) members must vote:

1. Georgia Power's Reach Hits Your Bill

Georgia Power supplies power and infrastructure to many EMCs. When the PSC approves costly projects, like new power plants or transmission lines, those costs trickle down—right to your EMC bill.

2. Clean Energy Future—or Fossil Fuel Past?

Georgia ranks 43rd in rooftop solar despite being one of the sunniest states. The PSC keeps backing fossil fuels over cheaper, cleaner energy options. Their choices will lock in Georgia's energy direction for decades.

3. Climate and Health on the Line

Fossil fuel reliance worsens heat waves, storms, and air pollution. Leaking coal ash ponds threaten groundwater. These decisions aren't abstract—they affect your community's health and safety.

4. Data Centers Are Draining Communities

Massive data centers are moving in, using as much power and water as an entire town—without creating many jobs. The PSC gives them discounted rates and turns a blind eye to their damage. EMC members are already seeing their communities scarred by these projects, with many more in the pipeline.

Bottom line:

The PSC makes decisions that shape Georgia's energy costs, climate resilience, and future. Whether you're an EMC member or a Georgia Power customer, your vote helps decide what kind of Georgia we'll live in tomorrow. Don't sit this one out. Vote.

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