



WACE is a citizen group of all ages and includes business owners, parents, educators, and church leaders from Valdosta and Lowndes County, Georgia. We are interested in promoting clean and sustainable energies for the future. These include solar, wind and others but NOT biomass or nuclear power. Biomass is dirtier than coal and bears significant health risks. Likewise nuclear power bears risks to our health and safety as accidents at Fukushima (2011), Chernobyl (1986), and Three Mile Island (1979) have shown time and again. At the same time nuclear power is more expensive than solar and creates hundreds of tons of highly radioactive waste (<http://www.wiregrass-ace.org>). WACE is a chapter of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL).

Customers Paying Monthly for Nuclear Plant Construction!

With the support of the Public Service Commission, Georgia Power is charging 2.3 million customers for the construction of 2 nuclear power plants near Augusta. On your bill you will find the "Nuclear Construction Cost Recovery" (NCCR), a surcharge which pays for the first nuclear power plants to be built in the US in 30 years. The average customer pays about \$3.75 of NCCR monthly, which amounts to more than \$8.6 million to Georgia Power every month. So on top of the tax subsidies we already pay for this dangerous and expensive form of energy production, we also have the NCCR surcharge added to our electricity bills! It is time that we tell Georgia Power to reverse its course. Here is how:

CALL FOR ACTION: GO SOLAR – NOT NUCLEAR!

- **Pay your electricity bills only by mail and with checks.** If you are enrolled in "auto pay", cancel it. You can either do this online or by calling Georgia Power at 1-888-660-5890.
- **Use two checks each time you pay your bill.** One check covers the amount you are forced to pay for "Nuclear Construction Cost Recovery" (write "for solar construction" in the memo line). The other check covers the remaining amount of your actual electricity costs.
- **Include a note in the letter with your checks voicing your opposition to nuclear power and ask Georgia Power to invest your funds in solar energy instead.** This note could read:
 - I oppose nuclear power because of its dangers to our health and our environment. (See the nuclear accidents at Fukushima, Chernobyl, and Three Mile Island)
 - I oppose the construction surcharge for nuclear power plants because they are too expensive and waste billions of our tax dollars. (Plant Vogtle was originally estimated to cost \$660 million. Eventually, only 2 of its proposed 4 reactors were built, costing more than \$8 billion, and resulting in huge rate hikes for Georgia residents.)
 - I ask that GA Power invest my money and any collected surcharges in solar instead.

Mailing address: GA Power Payments
96 Annex
Atlanta, GA 30396

- **Contact the Public Service Commission and Georgia Power** to let them know that you oppose nuclear power and that you want the State of Georgia to invest in solar instead!

On the next page you find our "Note of Opposition", more information on how to pay your bills, and addresses. **THANKS** for participating in our "Call to Action: Go Solar-Not Nuclear!"



NO FUKUSHIMAS FOR GEORGIA! GO SOLAR – NOT NUCLEAR!



Note of Opposition

Dear Georgia Power.

I oppose the construction of new nuclear power plants and the "Nuclear Construction Cost Recovery" surcharge I am forced to pay every month:

- As Fukushima, Chernobyl, and Three Mile Island have shown, nuclear power is not safe
- The generation of nuclear power creates thousands of tons of radioactive and highly toxic waste
- Nuclear power consumes large amounts of water for cooling purposes
- Nuclear power plants pose a national security threat as potential targets for terrorist attacks
- Nuclear power is not a renewable source of energy
- Nuclear power is the most expensive form of energy production, wasting billions of tax dollars

In contrast, solar power is clean, safe, inexpensive, and renewable!

- The State of Georgia enjoys significant amounts of solar radiation
- Solar power plants generate no emissions and are completely safe
- Solar power plants create no toxic or radioactive waste
- Solar power facilities require no water for cooling
- Solar power is less expensive than nuclear power
- Solar facilities do not pose a national security threat
- The fuel for solar power is abundant and free

Thus, I ask that Georgia Power invest my money in solar instead of nuclear energy production!

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How to pay your electricity bills while opposing nuclear power:

- 1) **Your GA Power bill lists your monthly total as "total current electric service". This includes such things as "current service", "environmental compliance costs" and "municipal franchise fee". Since 2011 this also includes "nuclear construction cost recovery".**
- 2) **Take the \$\$\$ amount listed as "total current electric service" on your bill and subtract the "nuclear construction cost recovery" from it. That's the amount that covers your actual monthly electricity costs and should go onto your first check to Georgia Power.**
- 3) **Then take the \$\$\$ amount listed on your bill as "nuclear construction cost recovery" and put it on your second check to Georgia Power, write the comment "for solar construction" in the memo line, and include the above "Note of Opposition" and/or your own narrative.**
- 4) **Put both checks and your "Note of Opposition" into one envelope and send it to:**

**GA Power Payments
96 Annex
Atlanta, GA 30396**

- 5) **Finally, we also encourage you to send letters with a "Note of Opposition" to:**

**Tim Echols, Chairman
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30334
1-800-282-5813**

**W. Paul Bowers, CEO
Georgia Power Company
241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
1-888-660-5890**

Remember this is YOUR MONEY and YOUR HEALTH!