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Good Afternoon, Mr. Trento.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20250011, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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FYI: FL/FPL solar expansion has FL headed to TX/CA or worse. GA apparently got the messages.

Please advise

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## Georgia won't make customers ration electricity

Tim Echols



Credit: handout

Asking people to cut back on power promotes a sense of scarcity, but it also sows doubt. It puts the utility's ability to provide reliable power into question. This creates frustration in homeowners, and it can create panic and uncertainty among business owners.

The unintended consequences of rolling people off the electric grid are vast. The birthday party you were hosting, the medical equipment in your home, the Zoom meeting that you had scheduled — these are all interrupted with a power outage. With business, it can be much worse. They will have to close their doors, uncooked meals at restaurants can't be served, patients can't be given treatment and grocery store cash registers don't work.

Affordability is important too. No one ever wants their power bills to go up, or their rent, the price of eggs or even toilet paper. But all of those things were impacted by the pandemic and subsequent inflation. Food has gone up 23.6% since 2020. Eggs are up 115%. Frozen juices up 59%. Vehicle repairs are up 56%. Motor vehicle insurance went up 55%. Repairs on household items are up 45%. Housing costs have gone up 61% since 2022. Natural gas cost up 56%.

And of course, electricity prices have gone up. On July 1, our <u>Public Service</u> <u>Commission froze</u> Georgia Power's base rates for three years — to make sure ratepayers are protected.

Here is the good news. When you buy power or natural gas in Georgia, what you get is electricity and gas — without the scarcity, and without the doubt. Georgia's energy system has enough power for everyone, and you can count on it. Because it is a well-managed system regulated for public purpose, embedded in the rates is a reserve margin or extra power just in case we need it — both in the summer and winter. It includes award-winning storm service. And it plans for the future with new generation and state-of-the-art equipment.