

The Changing Energy Paradigm in Georgia and its Impact on Our Water Resources

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Abstract. Georgia PSC Commissioner Tim Echols was elected to the Public Service Commission in the general election of November 2010. Tim's campaign focused on consumer protection, clean energy, and accountability. An advocate for solar, nuclear, and alternative energy, he has installed solar hot water heating to his home; purchased a natural gas car and an electric car; he created the Alternative Fueled Vehicle Roadshow, now in its fifth year, that travels Georgia helping cities, businesses and consumers evaluate alternative fuel and see if it will work for them. His priority is helping Georgia be prepared for rising energy prices for diversifying the way our electricity is generated. He has helped secure record amounts of solar and wind for Georgia—without a subsidy. He advocates for more nuclear power and advocates for recycling of nuclear waste. Tim and his wife put their home on a “time of use” rate to further conserve energy as he turns off his AC units during the peak summer cooling period.