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## PUBLIC vs. GEORGIA POWER VOGTLE SMACKDOWN!!!

**PUBLIC HEARING ~ MONDAY, DEC. 11, 10AM, RALLY @9:15AM**

**GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 244 Washington Street SW, Atlanta 30334**

## Tell the PSC “STOP PLANT VOGTLE”

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# PUBLIC WITNESSES AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S HEARINGS TO STOP PLANT VOGTLE

## **THIS IS AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO STOP PLANT VOGTLE**

For the first time in 40 years of public opposition to Vogtle, the Georgia Public Service Commission is holding public hearings on whether to cancel or go forward with construction on the Vogtle 3 & 4 nuclear reactors which are only 1/3 built and require at least \$20 billion to finish. ***THIS IS THE BEST TIME EVER TO STAND UP AND SAY STOP PLANT VOGTLE!!***

An enormous sum of money, \$10 billion, all of it PUBLIC MONEY, has been spent already. Despite the predicted population growth in Georgia, electricity use has dropped, and the Vogtle reactors are not even needed.

Georgia Power is making a case to go forward despite mounting odds against finishing the reactors: bankrupt reactor design firm, bold financial schemes that may not work out, dwindling supply chain and allegations of illegal blueprints and gross project mismanagement. WHY?? *Because Georgia Power is posting historic high corporate profits on the Vogtle construction fiasco!*

## **PSC NEEDS TO HEAR FROM ITS PUBLIC!**

The five Public Service Commissioners hold all the cards. Georgia law grants them the power to cancel the reactors at any time if they ARE NOT NEEDED. They could be saving us \$50 million per month by canceling the reactors and not even holding these hearings!

We need to do our level best to bring a strong picture to the PSC of the amount of risk in foolish pursuit of nuclear and that it is cheaper to walk away from the unfinished bad Vogtle investment. There are safer, cheaper, better ways to meet our energy needs. It's our money and environment and no one else will defend it for us! ***IF NOT YOU, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN??***

## **BETTER PUBLIC PROCESS IS NEEDED**

You may want to comment that it is difficult to come to Atlanta during a work day. Hearings should be offered throughout Georgia, and also at night or on weekends for people who can't attend hearings during the work day.

## **SOME TALKING POINTS TO STOP PLANT VOGTLE**

Here are some points you may wish to include in your testimony to help persuade the PSC to vote in favor of the public instead of Georgia Power.

### **NUCLEAR IS RISKY BUSINESS**

- There is no solution to nuclear waste and it is already mounting up at the rate of 20 tons per year per reactor in our state.
- Nuclear power is too risky. Even one meltdown ruins everything.
- \* Since Vogtle construction started, solar and wind power have become cheaper than nuclear power. This source of clean power has free fuel supply and no waste!

### **NUCLEAR POWER IS NOT NEEDED**

- Georgia Power is overbuilt. It is not using more than 30% of its existing capacity.
- Electricity sales are going down even as Georgia's population and economy are growing. Future need can be supplied by solar and wind power which are cheaper than nuclear and quick and easy to install.

### **CHEAPER TO WALK AWAY THAN TO COMPLETE**

- It is painful to have invested \$10 billion already of OUR MONEY in a project that is only 1/3 complete, but it is best in the long run to avoid spending \$20 billion more on something we don't need.
- Georgia Power analysis of the option to cancel Vogtle is insufficient. It presents a program to dismantle, landfill and plant grass in a restored landscape to drive up the price and make the option unaffordable. It is common sense that an orderly closing down of the construction site will save billions of public dollars in forced public investment in unneeded radioactive waste factories.

### **ELDERLY AND SCHOOLS PAYING FOR VOGTLE**

- The elderly are forced to pay for nuclear reactors that may never produce power in their lifetime.
- Schools pay 10% of their electric bills for Vogtle. Fulton County Schools paid \$1,000,000 of school money to Georgia Power for the nuclear tariff last year.

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**Additional hearings will be held on Dec. 12, 13 and 14, beginning at 9:00AM with public testimony**

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