



State Energy Strategy for Georgia

Overview Presentation

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Genesis of the State Energy Strategy



- In the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Governor Sonny Perdue announced he was directing his staff to develop a comprehensive energy strategy for Georgia.
- Governor's staff and state agency personnel researched other state energy planning efforts.
- In March 2006, the GA Environmental Facilities Authority launched a stakeholder process to develop a draft State Energy Strategy, incorporating public input.

What is the Governor's Energy Policy Council?



- The Governor created the Energy Policy Council in August 2006.
- Council consists of 18 members & 4 Ex-Officio members.
- Council includes representatives from industry, public interest groups, elected officials and state research institutions.
- Tasked with submitting to the Governor a final State Energy Strategy for Georgia at the close of this year.



What Has Been Done to Date?

- GEFA has taken public input to develop a working draft of a State Energy Strategy
 - Public comments in March 2006 → First draft
 - Public comments in June 2006 → Second draft
- Process has been managed through the website www.georgiaenergyplan.org
- First two public comment period encompassed more than 1,000 comments.



What Has Been Done to Date?

- Maintained an open and accountable process, accessible over the internet.
- Each draft has contained a supplemental document containing every public comment verbatim and detailing how the staff handled each one.



Why Are We Here Tonight?

- The Energy Policy Council is overseeing five “town hall” public meetings to take final public input on the State Energy Strategy for Georgia.
- The Energy Policy Council will use your input to guide the development of a third and final draft of the State Energy Strategy.

How the Council Will Use Your Input?



- The Council will make every effort to incorporate good public comments.
- The Council members will use their professional judgment to evaluate comments according to their:
 - Reasonableness;
 - Clarity;
 - Technical and political feasibility;
 - Strength of reasoning; and
 - Strength of supporting evidence.



Overview of the Current Draft

- Strategy Consists of eight chapters
 - Energy Reliability
 - Energy Supply
 - Energy Demand
 - Economic Development
 - Incentives and Program Resources
 - Energy and the Environment
 - Energy Education
 - Future State Energy Planning and Tracking
- Appendix E: Ideas for Further Consideration



Overview of the Current Draft

- “Policy Option” and “Implementation Strategies” used as key organizing concept
 - *Policy Options* are broad goal-type statements that define a possible policy direction for the State.
 - Each policy option is followed by associated *implementation strategies*, which are activities designed to achieve or implement the policy.



Overview of the Current Draft

Chapter	Policy Options	Implementation Strategies
1	8	11
2	9	16
3	7	19
4	7	11
5	1	4
6	6	10
7	3	8
8	1	2
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