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LETTERS

Pending PSC decision will jeopardize Georgia's future

On April 16, the Public Service Commission will consider Georgia Power's request to heedlessly expand its use of emission-producing fossil fuels. That brazenly negligent proposal, now favored by an agreement reached between Georgia Power and the PSC staff, clears the path to its approval. Yet, using more coal and natural gas will gravely magnify heat-trapping effects of power-generating emissions at a time when such emissions must be decisively reduced to avoid the worst impacts of higher temperatures.

Perplexingly, many Georgia environmental groups have little to say about it, instead simply promoting adaptation and resiliency – partial and temporary buffering from ever-worsening climate disruptions. Silence about the urgency of cutting fossil-fuel dependency in these resiliency campaigns dangerously accommodates the emissions causing higher temperatures, certain to produce catastrophic outcomes.

Including premature deaths, climate-crisis impacts like flooding, drought, crop failures, and forest-fires, are now costing Americans at least \$150 billion annually, while rapidly accelerating. Approving more fossil-fuel generated power will recklessly endanger Georgians, just to serve Georgia Power's bottom-line.

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