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Burke County, Georgia

Waynesboro, GA in Burke County (formerly known as *Shell Bluff*) is surrounded by nuclear and waste production, industrial development, air and water pollution.



Plant Vogtle with 4 nuclear reactors is the largest nuclear plant in the U.S. & is the first new build in over 30 years



“Let them eat cake”



15 Years

36 Billion Dollars



Georgia Power built the most expensive power plant on Earth!
\$36 billion for 2.2 GWs

What could it have built instead?



Texas built 36 GWs of solar and battery storage in just four years for \$36 billion, the same cost as Vogtle - *Utility Dive '26*



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Plant Vogtle may be the most expensive energy plant in the world—and Georgians are paying for it

WLOGA | By [Alexia Ridley](#)

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By Matt Kempner, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

July 9, 2021

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The Augusta Chronicle

NEWS

Plant Vogtle nuclear projects hits another delay with 'construction quality' issues

Dave Williams Capitol Beat News Service

Published 5:30 a.m. ET Dec. 3, 2021

\$20+ Billion Over Budget

At \$36 billion, Plant Vogtle's units 3 & 4 were **more than \$20 billion** over budget (original estimate of \$14 billion)

7 Years of Delay

Lengthy construction delays (both reactors were promised to be online by 2017, but became **operational 7 years late**, in 2024) demonstrating that new nuclear cannot come online fast enough to meet urgent climate needs

More Coal and Gas

During the construction delay and after Vogtle 3 & 4 came online, the **gap was filled with gas and coal**, impacting already overburdened communities, along with excessive water use and loss.

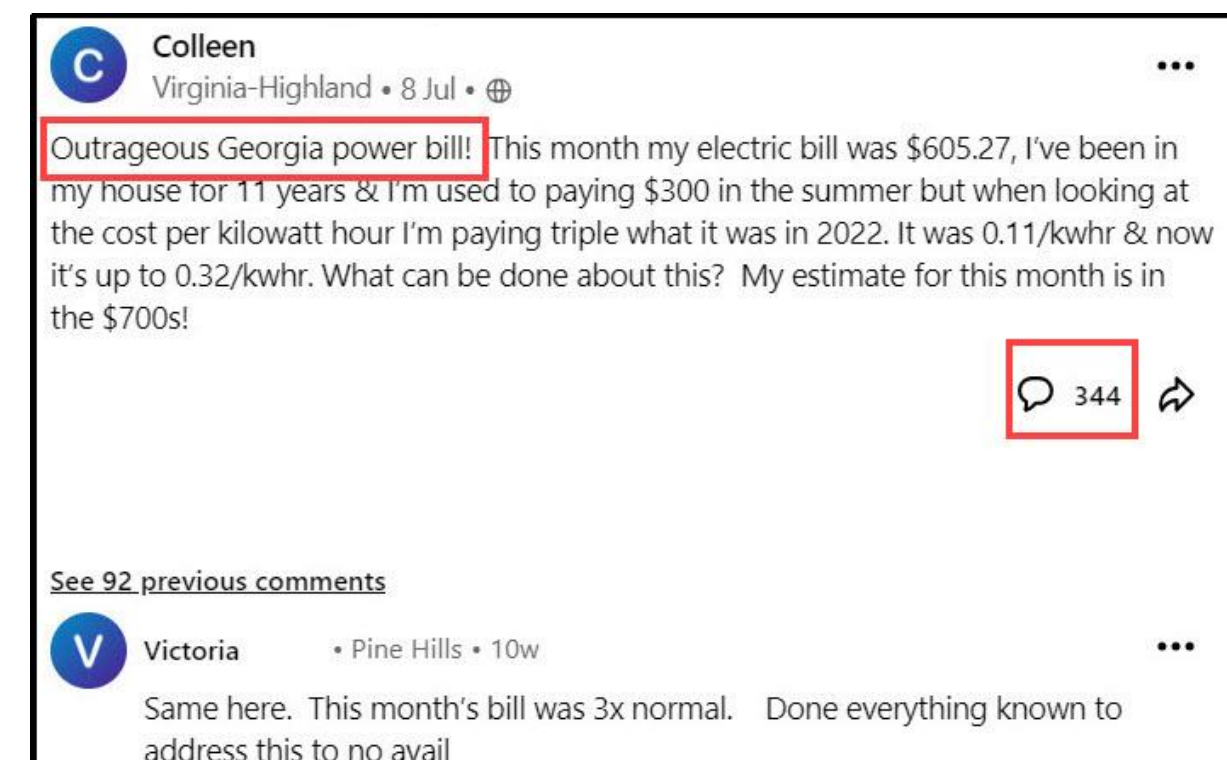
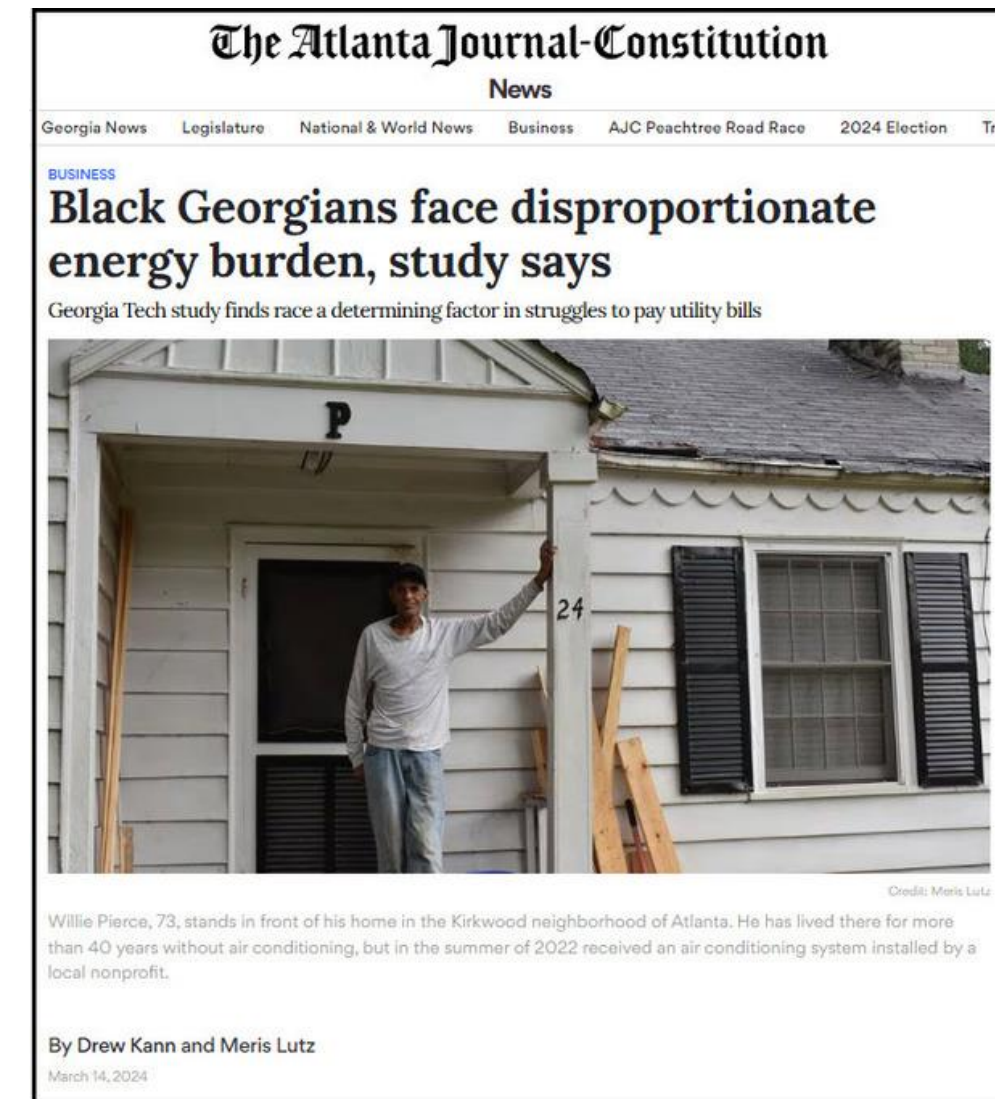
New Nuclear's Devastating Impact on Georgians

**25% rate increase to
residential ratepayers (so far)
from Plant Vogtle reactors 3 + 4**

275,000 residential disconnections in 2025

1 out of 9 households disconnected

13x the National average



Your State Wants To Be Next - Why?



New York Gov. Hochul wants to build 5GW worth of new nuclear



Illinois Gov. Pritzker wants 2GW of new nuclear



Michigan Gov. Whitmer wants new reactors on Lake Michigan

WFAE | By Zachary Turner
Published January 6, 2026 at 3:34 PM EST

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Duke Energy is exploring several options for new nuclear reactors at its Belews Creek s

OPINION: OPINION COLUMNS

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The Georgia plant confirms nuclear energy is not worth the time and investment when we have proven power sources beyond coal



Portia Prescott and Kim Scott

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U.S. NEWS

New York governor seeks to build the state's first new nuclear power plant in decades



Finally, Some Accountability



2 out of 5 members
Replaced on the Georgia
Public Service Commission.

1 recently resigned.

Local News

Georgia Public Service Commissioner Tricia Pridemore not seeking reelection in 2026

By [Dan Raby](#)

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Two democrats unseat incumbent republicans in Georgia's Public Service Commission race by large margins

POLITICS

Alabama moves to end Public Service Commission elections after Democrats win in Georgia

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