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## April Meeting

### What

Tim Echols will speak on "Georgia's Energy Future". In this presentation, veteran energy regulator and vice chair of the Georgia Public Service Commission, Tim talks about Georgia's energy future, and the tremendous load growth ahead of Georgia over the next seven years. Brought about by mostly data centers, bitcoin mining, and manufacturers, Mr. Echols will talk about the options the commission is looking at in order to meet this need. He'll discuss Plant Vogtle, solar, batteries, biomass and possibly hydrogen for future use.

### When

Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
5:30 PM Meal & Social  
6:00 PM Program

### Where

Sam's Burger Deli  
3268 Martha Berry Highway  
Rome, GA 30161

PDH will be awarded.

### Mr. Echol's Background:

Tim Echols has served on the Georgia Public Service Commission since 2013 and is currently the vice chair. He and his wife, Windy, have been married 40 years. They have seven children, and he has three degrees from the University of Georgia.





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### Possible Meeting Topics/Tours for 2023 – 2024

- Tour of International Paper Mill
- Tour of Water Treatment Facility (Reverse Osmosis to Remove PFA's)
- Presentation from Georgia Power (Solar Power Installations)
- Tour of Hydrodynamics
- Update/Tour of Downtown Development
- Project Updates from Current Members
- STATCOM Technology

### Links for additional information:

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