

## Georgia WAND's 2025 Legislative Priorities

This session, Georgia WAND is prioritizing bold legislation to address the energy and environmental justice issues impacting Georgians. Key focuses include:

### 1. Modernizing Oversight:

- Rename the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) to the **Public Utility Commission** to better reflect its role and engage voters.
- Re-establish the **Consumer Utility Counsel** at the PSC to advocate for consumer interests. Customers must have representation.
- Require **discovery rights for intervenors** during PSC rate cases and Integrated Resource Plans (IRP).

### 2. Empowering Energy Consumers:

- Allow customer access to **smart meter data** to unlock energy savings and benefits.
- Introduce the **Georgia Homegrown Solar Bill**, enabling community solar installations for Georgians seeking affordable, renewable energy.

### 3. Corporate Accountability and Reform:

- Restructure Georgia Power's compensation model to be **performance-based** rather than profit-driven.
- Ban donations from entities with business before the commission within a specified timeframe.

### 4. Strengthening Environmental Protections:

- Pass the **Bad Actor Bill**, empowering the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to deny permits to known polluters.
- Establish a **Study Committee on the Cumulative Impact of Pollution** on economic development and growth.

### 5. Tax Policy Adjustments:

- Place a moratorium on **data center tax credits** to evaluate their long-term impacts on the surrounding environment and electricity rates.

### 6. Critical Reforms:

- Disallow anyone with business before the PSC Commission to donate to commissioners for a specified period of time. Repeal **5.30.1 part d** to eliminate corruption.