

#FIGHTTHEHIKE Quick Facts

What is Georgia Power proposing:

- Georgia power wants to hike the monthly fee from the current \$10 per month to **\$17.95 per month**. You will be forced to pay this fee no matter how little energy you use.
- Georgia Power **ALSO** wants to increase your rates which will add an additional increase of **more than \$200** per year by 2022.

Georgia Power Proposed Rate Changes by Year

	Current	Proposed by Georgia Power			Georgia Power's Ultimate Target
	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Fixed Fee (\$/month)	\$10.00	\$14.90	\$16.95	\$17.95	\$20.87
Average Energy Usage Rates (cents/kWh)	6.7 cents	6.8 cents	7.2 cents	7.5 cents	7.9 cents
Increase in Riders	16% increase				Unknown

Why is it problematic:

- **African American households with lower-incomes already devote up to three times more of their income to energy costs than higher-income households.** In Georgia, the poor, marginalized communities with lower wealth and communities of color bear the heaviest energy burdens as they struggle to pay high energy bills.
- Normally, an electricity customer can control their bill by controlling how much power they use, but a high mandatory fee throws this opportunity for cost savings out the window and severely limits a customer's choice and freedom to control their energy costs and lower their bills.
- This fee hike is unjustified, inequitable, and will hurt our communities the most. It is just plain wrong to charge customers more for using less.

What can we do to Stop Georgia Power:

- Get others involved: bring as many friends and neighbors as you can to the next #fightthehike community conversation
- Sign-up to demonstrate or speak at a hearing, Georgia Power must hear from you!
- Attend or host a hearing prep-rally
- Use the hashtags #stopgeorgiapower and #fightthehike to post about this inequitable hike on social media and urge your followers to attend a #fightthehike event.

Demonstration and Speaking Key Dates:

- September 30-October 2, November 4-7, November 25-26, 2019 244 Washington St SW. Atlanta, Ga.
- **Demonstrations will occur outside, but speakers need to be in the room and signed up to speak by 9am every day.**



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