

Solar in the Southeast: Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Announces Sixth Annual Report



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The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (“SACE”) has issued its Sixth Annual Report titled:

Solar in the Southeast (June 2023) (“Report”)

The *Report* addresses the following states:

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee

The SACE describes itself as having a mission that:

... promotes responsible and equitable energy choices to ensure clean, safe, and healthy communities throughout the Southeast.

The *Report* states that:

To provide an equitable, unbiased comparison of various-sized utilities throughout the Southeast, SACE has ranked utilities on the basis of watts per customer (W/C) of solar power sourced to customers.

SACE is stated to have calculated a 2026 forecast for total installed capacity of solar power, particularly for state comparisons.

The overall purpose of the *Report* is described as documenting:

... current progress and trends at both utility and state levels, as well as identify policies and practices to drive continued solar growth in the Southeast.

Key points of the *Report* include:

- Duke Energy Progress and Tampa Electric are number one and two for purposes of utility leaders for the 2022 baseline and the 2026 forecast.
- Florida is the Southeast region leader in total installed solar capacity, reaching 7,288 MW in 2022.
- The Southeast has more than 18 gigawatts of solar on a full year operational equivalent basis.
- The Inflation Reduction Act is considered the most significant climate and clean energy policy in history because of its tax credits and other incentives (including a \$9.7 billion grant program

Empowering Rural America in the Southeast to achieve clean energy adoption rates comparable to investor-owned utilities).

- Walton EMC has the top spot on the SunRiser list.
- Utilities whose four-year forecast remains below last year's region average include:
- Alabama Power
- North Carolina Electric Cooperatives
- PowerSouth
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- Seminole Electric

A copy of the *Report* can be downloaded [here](#).