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## Jean Jewell

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A Comment from Dick Sedlacek follows:

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Please describe your comment briefly:

Since I am unable to attend the hearing in Atlanta, I would like to comment in this forum. I have been an Atlanta Power customer since the mid 1970's. At that time we paid \$10 per month for unlimited power. In recent years my power use is over 5-6 weekends a year. In 2007, I used 329KW and paid \$489.02 an equivalent of \$1.49 per KW. I am on the \$35 per month + .21 KW seasonal rate. I had committed to stay on the grid to pay my share so that power would continue for other residents.

It is unfortunate that Atlanta Power is so grossly mismanaged, The generator and turbines were not properly maintained. It was reported to me that you could hear the equipment screeching from the lack of proper oiling. Other examples of poor management are: In Oct. 2005 a contractor installing a water line on an adjacent property cut my underground line servicing my cabin. I was without power for 10 months until the line was repaired. I continued to receive billings. The Power Company always fails to notify customers of outages. When the generator went down last year, I lost all the food in my refer/freezer due to the lack of notice of the outage.

Atlanta Power is definitely on a death spiral. I hear talk from at least 10 current users that are exploring alternate energy sources who indicate that they intend to drop the power service. If there is an increase, I will definitely start using my generator which is in place at my cabin. It was necessary in the past due to frequent outages. I would be ahead to buy \$4 a gal. fuel. It will require purchase of a propane refer but I will be ahead in the long run.

I know it is desirable to have reliable electric power and I am concerned that the lack of power will negatively effect real property values. My 30 years experience as a Real Estate Appraiser tells me this.

It is a sin that Atlanta Power can mismanage their operation and seek rate increases to compensate their lack of due diligence. Most of the residents of Atlanta are economically below the poverty line and will choose to eat first.

I don't envy your most difficult decision.

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