

The Future of Southern Energy

Making Choices for Your Community

One of the reasons people participate in discussion forums is to let others know how they feel about certain issues. Now that you've had a chance to participate in a forum on this issue, we'd like to know what you are thinking. Your opinions, along with those of others who participated in these forums, will be reflected in a summary report that will be distributed to state and local leaders, the media, and other citizens in the region.

1. Which statement best describes your thoughts about what should be done to capitalize on the economic opportunities associated with energy? (Check one.)

- I am not at all sure about what should be done.
- I have a general sense of what should be done.
- I have a definite opinion about what should be done.

2. Do you agree or disagree with the statements listed below?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not Sure
Communities should focus on building a green economy, EVEN IF a high percentage of new businesses fail.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communities should focus on encouraging local energy savings, EVEN IF it can take a long time for the investment to pay off.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communities should focus on existing energy businesses, EVEN IF some think that these companies have been part of the problem in the first place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Listed below are some potential actions that could be taken to capitalize on the economic opportunities associated with energy. Please rank your top three choices from among the actions below, with "1" being the action you think is most important, "2" being the second most important, and "3" the third most important.

- Create a state or local fund to invest in green start-up companies.
- Reduce regulations that hamper new energy-related business development
- Encourage investment in energy-related research and development in the area's universities
- Rewrite building and planning codes to promote energy savings
- Conduct public awareness campaigns to encourage energy-saving investments by citizens and businesses
- Use government as a model for energy saving practices, including improving energy efficiency in public buildings
- Provide incentives to existing energy providers to improve the efficiency of existing energy production and distribution methods
- Implement policies that increase the use of renewable energy sources by existing energy providers
- Prepare the workforce with the new job skills needed in a changing energy environment

4. Are you thinking differently about this issue now that you have participated in the forum? Yes No
If yes, please explain.

5. Do you see ways for people to work on this issue that you didn't see before? Yes No
Please explain.

6. What, if anything, might you do differently as a result of this forum?

7. What else, if anything, would you like to share about this topic?

8. Are you male or female? Male Female

9. How much schooling have you completed?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Some High School | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate | <input type="checkbox"/> College graduate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate school |

10. Are you (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ |

11. For which type of business or organization do you work?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institution | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not currently employed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a student | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit | | |

12. How old are you?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 17 or younger | <input type="checkbox"/> 30-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-64 | |

13. In which state do you live?

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> AL | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> LA | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> OK | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> WV |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> AR | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> MO | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> SC | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> GA | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> MS | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> TN | |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> KY | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> NC | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> VA | |

14. In which type of community do you live?

- Rural
 Urban
 Suburban

Please give your completed questionnaire to the forum moderator.

