

# GEORGIA PSC REGULATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES

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## Georgia State Law Governing PSC regulation of Electric Utilities

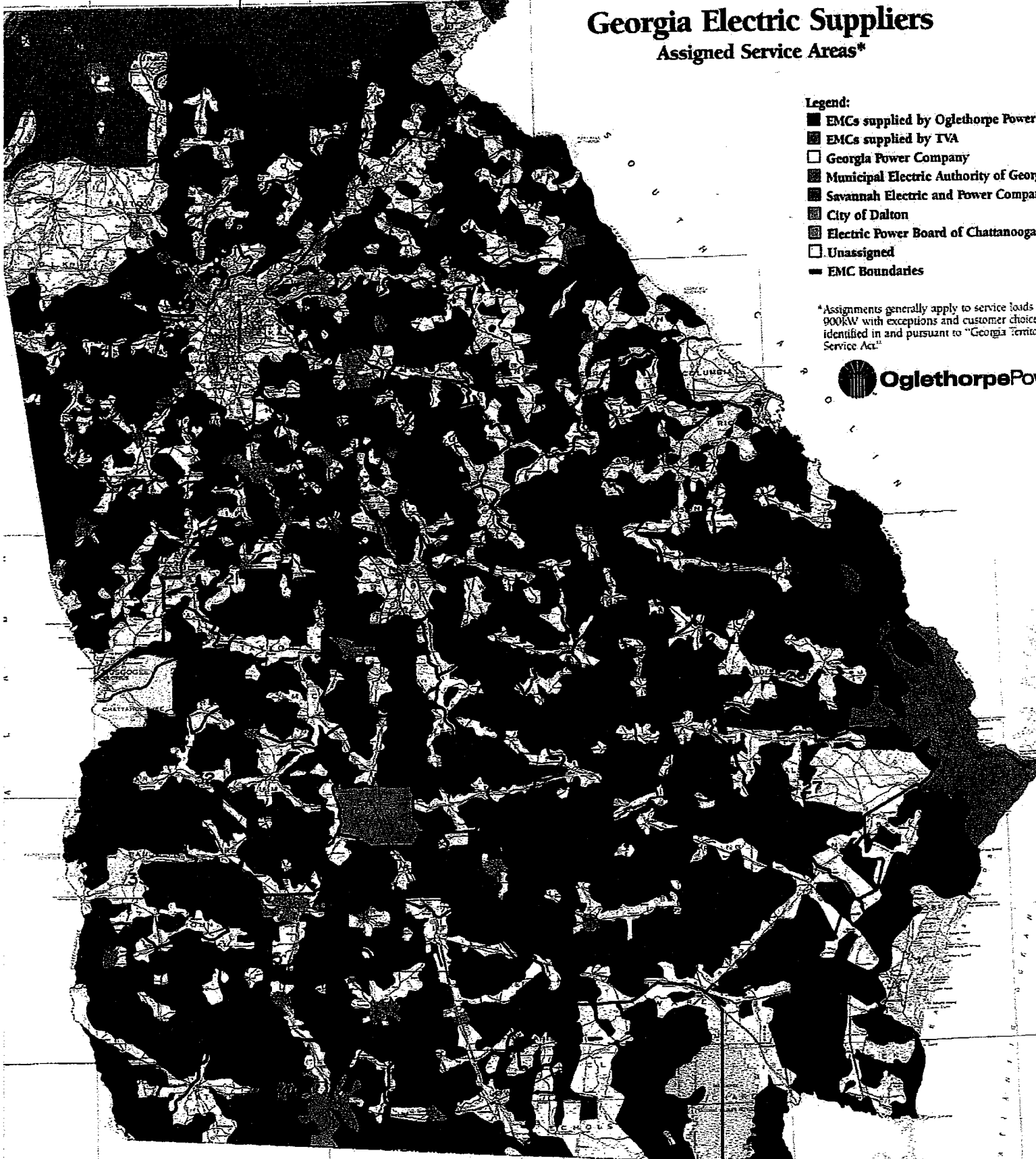
- 46-2-20.  
(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the commission shall have the general supervision of all common carriers, express companies, railroad or street railroad companies, dock or wharfage companies, terminal or terminal station companies, telephone and telegraph companies, gas or **electric light and power companies**, ...
- 46-3-12  
...provided that the rate, charges, and service rules and regulations of **electric membership corporations and municipalities** shall be filed with the commission and shall be subject to Code Section 46-3-11 but shall not otherwise be fixed by the commission; provided, further, that securities issued by a municipality relating solely to service rendered inside its limits as they existed on March 29, 1973, shall not be subject to regulation by the commission; provided, further, that service rendered by any electric supplier shall be made pursuant to and consistent with its rates, charges, and service rules and regulations then in effect...

# Electric Utilities in Georgia

- Investor – owned utilities
  - Georgia Power Company
    - Serves approx. 2 million customers in all but 6 counties in state
  - Savannah Electric and Power Company
    - Serves approx. 140,000 customers in 5 counties
- Municipally – owned utilities
  - 49 Members of MEAGPOWER
  - City of Dalton
  - Crisp County Corporation
  - Owned and operated by city governments
- Electric membership cooperatives
  - 42 members of Georgia EMC (GEMC)
    - Serves 3.9 million people across 73% of state in 157 of 159 counties
    - Owned and regulated by consumers

# Georgia Electric Suppliers

## Assigned Service Areas\*



**Legend:**

- EMCs supplied by Oglethorpe Power
- ▣ EMCs supplied by TVA
- Georgia Power Company
- ▤ Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia
- ▥ Savannah Electric and Power Company
- ▦ City of Dalton
- ▧ Electric Power Board of Chattanooga
- Unassigned
- EMC Boundaries

\*Assignments generally apply to service loads > 900kW with exceptions and customer choice identified in and pursuant to "Georgia Territo Service Act."



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# GA PSC Regulation of Electric Utilities

## How they are regulated

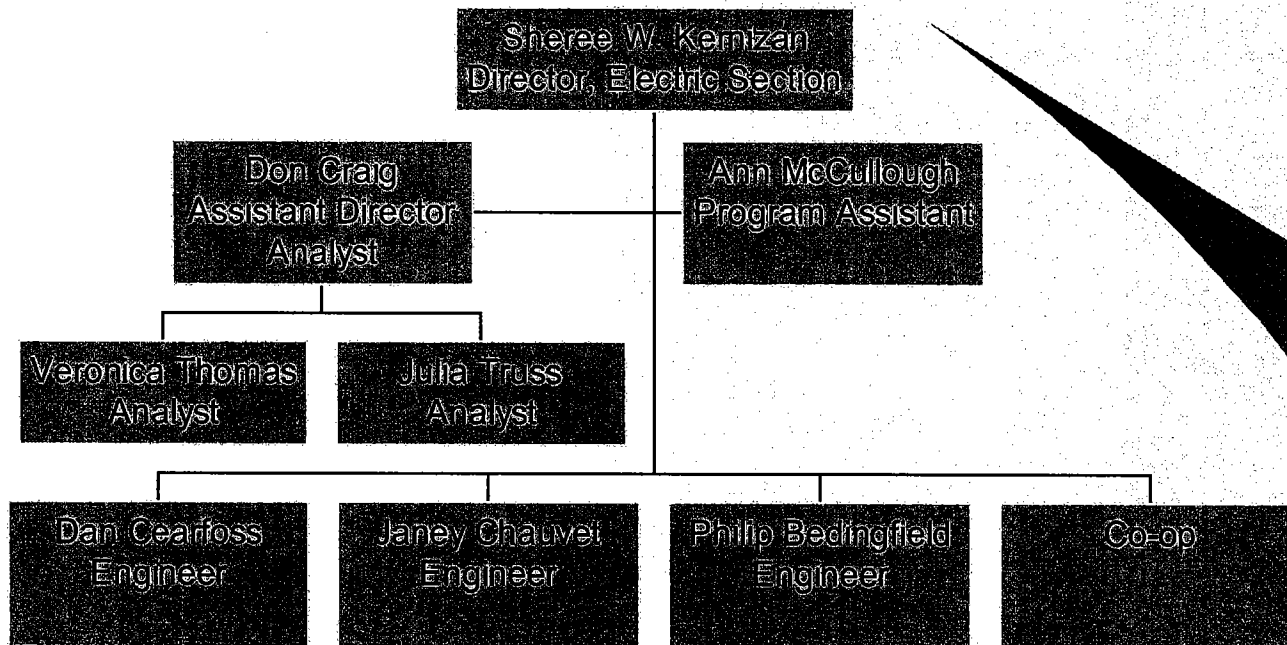
- Investor-owned utilities are fully regulated by PSC
  - GA PSC
    - Determines appropriate electricity rates in
      - Base Rate Cases
        - 6 month process
      - Fuel Cost Recovery Cases
        - 90 day process
    - Approves resource procurement plans and resource selection in
      - IRP cases
        - 180 day process
      - Resource Certification cases
        - 240 day process
    - Approves financing applications
    - Monitors Utilities' reliability in the quality of distribution service and performance of generating plants
    - Monitors Utilities' environmental compliance plans
    - Decides territorial disputes
    - Approves transfer of retail electric service
    - Conducts investigations and audits , etc

# GA PSC Regulation of Electric Utilities

## How they are regulated (cont.)

- Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) are not fully regulated by the GA PSC
  - GA PSC
    - Approves EMC financing
    - Decides territorial complaints
    - Approves transfer of retail electric service
    - Maintains EMC rates in PSC files
- Municipal Electricity Utilities are not fully regulated by the GA PSC
  - GA PSC
    - Decides territorial complaints
    - Approves transfer of retail electric service
    - Maintains Municipals rates in PSC files

# Electric Section Organization



# Staff Overview of GA PSC Electric Utility Regulation

- Determine Appropriate Rates
  - Rate Cases/ Rate Design process (Don Craig, Dan Cearfoss)
    - Surveillance Filings (Veronica Thomas- handout \*)
    - Earnings Review (Veronica Thomas- handout \*)
    - Residential rate survey & Flatbill (Janey Chauvet, handout\*)
  - Fuel Cost Recovery Cases (Veronica Thomas)
- Determine Resources to meet need for electricity
  - Integrated Resource Plan process (Dan Cearfoss)
    - Request for Proposal Procedure (Philip Bedingfield, Dan Cearfoss)
    - Certification of Supply and Demand Side resources (Dan Cearfoss, Janey Chauvet)
- Approve Utilities Application for Financing (Julia Truss)
- Decide Territorial matters (Janey Chauvet)
  - Approve transfer of retail electric service (Janey Chauvet, handout\*)
- Monitor Reliability of Electrical Generating Units and Facilities (Philip Bedingfield)

\* Due to time limitations this item will be covered in a handout