

# UGA-1 Solar Facility

**Location**

ATHENS, GEORGIA

**Fuel Resource**

PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR

**Capacity**

1 MEGAWATT

**Ownership**

GEORGIA POWER

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The University of Georgia (UGA) 1-MW solar facility was completed by Georgia Power in collaboration with the university. The facility is owned and operated by Georgia Power with energy delivered to the state's electric grid. UGA will receive the renewable energy credits, or RECs. The facility reached commercial operation on February 4, 2016.

Research will be conducted under a two-year collaboration with UGA researchers, spearheaded by the College of Engineering, to study solar forecasting and the effects of solar panel soiling versus performance. Data analysis and performance reporting will occur through a Georgia Power partnership with the Electric Power Research Institute. The new solar project will demonstrate optimal orientation and sun-tracking technology suited for Georgia's climate and energy demand with project partners studying the performance and reliability of fixed and tracking configurations of five separate sub-arrays.

**Size**

The solar facility is located on an approximately 10-acre site in Athens, Georgia.

**Technology**

The project utilizes approximately 2,900 photovoltaic (PV) modules combining single-axis and dual-axis tracking.

PV modules generate electricity directly from sunlight through an electronic process that occurs naturally in certain types of material known as semiconductors. Solar energy frees electrons in these materials to travel through an electrical circuit, powering devices or sending electricity to the grid.