

Public Service Commission – District 5

Bobby Mehan (R)

Energy

- Supports responsible investment in next-generation energy technologies only after vetting them for cost, scalability, and risk.
- Supports a balanced and diverse mix of generation technologies.
- Supports ensuring natural gas delivery systems keep pace with economic growth.

Utility Costs

- Supports applying rigorous cost-benefit analysis before ratepayers pay a dime.
- Will ensure costs are borne by those who create them rather than shifted onto families or small businesses.
- Will safeguard residential, rural, and small-business customers from disproportionate rate impacts.
- Will make sure companies locating in Georgia pay their fair share of utility costs.

Public Services

- Pledges to bring a business lens to resource planning, demanding accountability and timelines from utilities equal to or exceeding private sector standards.

Economy

- Will champion policies that keep utility costs competitive while maintaining service quality.
- Will make Georgia's regulatory environment predictable so job creators can plan with confidence.

Climate Change

- Opposes what he calls reckless Green New Deal policies that would risk grid reliability.



Josh Tolbert (R)

Energy

- Believes utility decisions must be built on engineering analysis and not optimistic forecasts, especially when new loads like data centers are involved.
- Will evaluate all energy technologies including renewables based on cost, scalability, and technical merit.

Utility Costs

- Supports ensuring risks are aligned with those who create them rather than shifted onto families or small businesses.
- Will hold data centers to clearly enforceable cost agreements.
- Will demand that utility proposals be evaluated for realism and cost accuracy before ratepayers absorb the impact.

Public Services

- Will ensure the people of Georgia have access to reliable, affordable energy.
- Will bring technical expertise and independent judgment to commission decisions.

Economy

- Supports ensuring new large energy loads including data centers pay their fair share.
- Believes planning must be grounded in engineering, financial discipline, and responsibility to ratepayers.

Climate Change

- Will evaluate all energy technologies based on cost, scalability, and technical merit.

