

### **Policy Trends in the Southeast**

ACEEE MT Conference: Regional Roundup

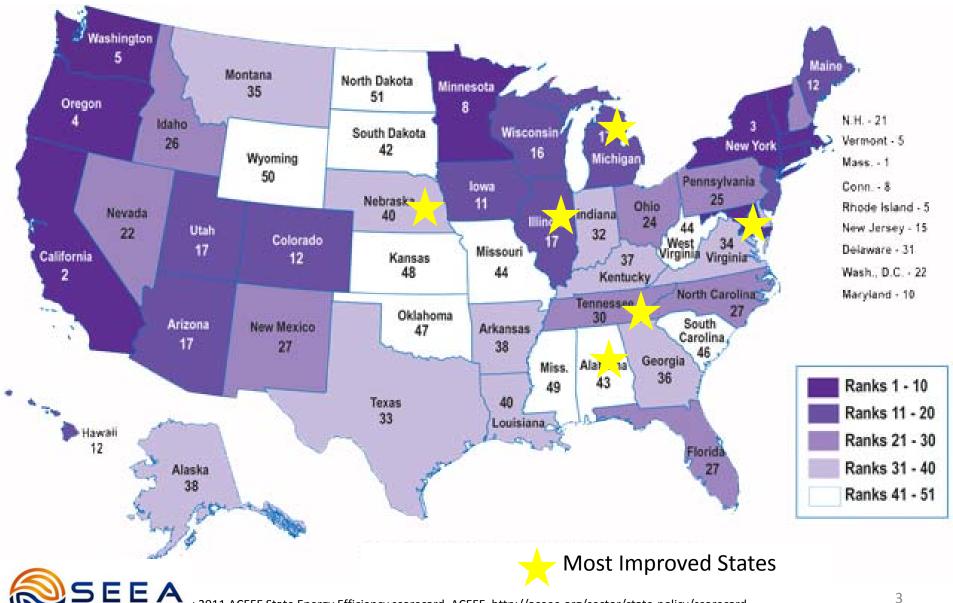
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The **Southeast lags** behind the rest of the country, but incremental improvement continues, and momentum is building



#### **2011 ACEEE State Energy Efficiency Scorecard**



### Goal: Drive Market Transformation

- Remove barriers that inhibit EE initiatives
- Introduce new laws that promote comprehensive EE policies on the state and local level
- Expand awareness and stakeholder support to champion EE initiatives
- Increase incentives to encourage consumer adoption of EE programs
- Provide education resources and technical assistance to stakeholders
- Support distribution channels and specifically market manufacturers to provide adequate EE infrastructure



## Like financing, SE policies more conservative and averse to risk

SEEA BBP partnering w/cities and credit unions to create financing mechanisms

- Interest rate buy downs
- Loan loss reserve

Jackson and Nashville first cities w/financing



### Non-Starters

**Decoupling, Public Benefits Funds**, and **"Smart" Rate Design** do not appear to be a source of near-term opportunity in the Southeast



# In laggard SE states, EE emerging as a priority issue from both sides of the aisle



## 2012 Policy Priorities



#### **Building Energy Codes**



Open Public Service Commission Dockets



Mississippi Energy Efficiency Plan



TVA's Vision: Greater Energy Efficiency



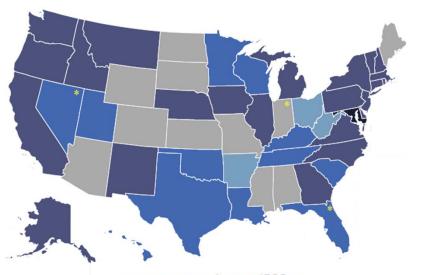
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Region and State-Focused Research



## **Building Energy Code Adoption**



- meets or exceeds 2012 IECC or equivalent
- meets or exceeds 2009 IECC or equivalent
- meets or exceeds 2006 IECC or equivalent
- meets or exceeds 1998-2003 IECC or equivalent
- no statewide code or precedes 1998 IECC
- state has adopted a new code to be effective at a later date

Source: Building Codes Assistance Project.

#### 2012

- South Carolina
- Alabama\*
- Mississippi (commer.)\*
- Arkansas (commer.)
- Florida
- Georgia

#### 2013

- Louisiana
- Mississippi (resid.)\*
- Arkansas (resid.)
- Tennessee
- Virginia\*\*



<sup>\*</sup>Working to or have adopted first statewide code.

<sup>\*\*2012</sup> IECC adoption target.

## Continue to Support Open Public Service Commission Dockets

## Virginia

Mississippi

Georgia

Louisiana

- A. Participation in DSM Working Groups
- B. Technical assistance and guidance to utilities on EE programs
- C. Public comments and testimony
- D. Mississippi Development Authority
  Momentum
- E. Convening stakeholders



## Stimulating EE in MS Will Expand Due to Growing Momentum



- Commercial Building Codes
- State Facilities EE Goals

Pending State Legislation

Expanding Programs

State and
University
Facilities EE
Investment

Pending PSC Dockets

- Energy Efficiency
- Net Metering

Stimulating
Energy
Efficiency in
Mississippi

Increasing Commitments from Utilities

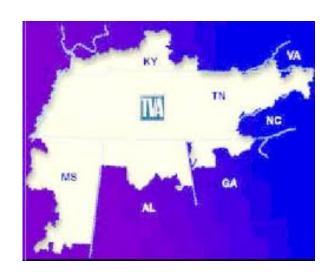
- New TVA System Wide Targets
- Expanding programs from other utilities



## TVA's Vision: Greater Energy Efficiency



- Play a leading role in the coordination between energy efficiency stakeholders
  - Includes TVA, TVPPA, regional and national EE groups, number of envtl. groups
- Provide direct assistance to distributors in implementation of end-use programs
- Build support of TVA's EE policy activities
- Increase education and awareness across multiple market segments on TVA policy and programs
- Aggressive targets for EE programs



**TVA Territory impacts 7 of 11 SEEA states** 



## Utilities of the South Coalition



Goal

 Create a forum for peer best practice sharing and problem solving among EE leaders of the SE utilities and distributors

**Objectives** 

- Expanded relationships between EE leaders of the utilities and distributors
- Best practice learning- share what's working and not working
- Discuss leading EE research and applications to the SE
- Identify and collaborate on cross utility and distributor projects

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