More Capacity Factors

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Figure 1: Aerial view of the Robert Scherer power plant north of Macon, Georgia. Photograph by wikipedia user Antennas. Released to the public domain. File source AerialviewoftheRobertSchererpowerplantnorthofMacon, Georgia.

In 2018 the Scherer coal plant in Georgia, USA, generated 15,420,000 MWh of electricity. The nameplate capacity is 3.5GW.

- 1. What is the plant's capacity factor?
- 2. The average home in Georgia uses 1080 kWh per month. How many homes could the Scherer plant power?
- 3. Electricity in Georgia currently costs \$0.153/kWh. How much does the average Georgia household pay for electricity in a year?
- 4. Assuming that Scherer sells all of its electricity at the residential rate given above, what is Scherer's annual revenue?