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MEDIA ADVISORY

PSC to Begin Hearings on Georgia Power Company Revised Integrated Resource Plan *Includes Proposal to Close Coal Fired Generation Units and Purchase Additional Power*

Atlanta, October 12, 2011 – The Georgia Public Service Commission will begin its hearings on October 20, 2011 at 10 a.m. on the Georgia Power Company proposal to revise its Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) in Docket 34218. In its proposal, the Company requests the Commission:

1. Allow it to close two coal fired electric generation units at Plant Branch near Milledgeville
2. Close one oil fired unit at Plant Mitchell in southwest Georgia
3. Install pollution controls at other plants
4. Certify power purchase agreements for 1,562 Megawatts of generation capacity.

The hearing will take place in Room 110 at the Commission offices at 244 Washington Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The Commission will begin by receiving the testimony of any public witnesses pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59(g). Immediately following public witnesses, the Commission will hear applications to intervene and any objections thereto, and any motions concerning the utilities pre-filed testimony and other appropriate motions. Following these preliminary matters, the Commission will conduct hearings on the direct case of Georgia Power.

The schedule in this docket is as follows:

October 20	Georgia Power presents direct testimony
November 21	Other parties file testimony
December 5	Hearing on Staff and intervenor testimony
December 29	Georgia Power files rebuttal testimony or amended application
January 18, 2012	Hearing on Georgia Power rebuttal testimony/amended application
January 27, 2012	All parties may file briefs and/or proposed orders
March 15, 2012	Advisory Staff presents recommendations at Energy Committee
March 20, 2012	Commission issues decision

Under Georgia law, the Commission must issue a decision in this Docket within 180 days of the payment of the filing fee or the Company's filing takes effect as a matter of law (OCGA §46-3A-09(c).) The statutory deadline in this Docket is March 25, 2012

The audio web cast of the hearing is available on the Commission website, <http://www.psc.state.ga.us>, then clicking on the Audio Broadcast link.

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