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Commission Approves Sixth Nuclear Plant Vogtle Construction Monitoring Report Costs through December 31, 2011

ATLANTA, August 21, 2012 – The Georgia Public Service Commission today approved Georgia Power Company’s Sixth Semi-annual Plant Vogtle Construction Monitoring Report (Report) in Docket 29849. The Commission unanimously adopted a Commission staff recommendation to verify and approve the Company’s filed expenditures through the period ending December 31, 2011 and to continue the Project as beneficial to the Company’s ratepayers. In the Commission’s certification of the construction Project on March 17, 2009, the Company agreed to file semi-annual monitoring reports with the Commission. Plant Vogtle is the country’s first new nuclear power construction project in 30 years.

“For this reporting period, Georgia Power is not seeking any changes to the schedule or certified budget amount of \$6.113 billion,” said Commissioner Tim Echols. “If and when they do bring changes in future periods, I’ll scrutinize it closely.”

In this Report, the Company acknowledges potential cost increases associated with certain design changes made by the Consortium during the Design Control Document review process. However, the Company continues to state that the project is more favorable for customers than originally anticipated at the time of the Certification given the impact of cost savings from the Department of Energy’s Loan Guarantee, Production Tax Credits and the Construction Work in Progress in rate base. The Company will file its Seventh Semi-annual Vogtle Construction Monitoring Report on August 31, 2012 for the period ending June 30, 2012.

In other action, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) in Docket 35537 that would require telecommunications carriers that offer the subsidized service under the Lifeline program to charge a minimum monthly service fee of \$5 after application of the Lifeline discount. Comments on the NOPR are due to the Commission by September 20, 2012. The Commission is tentatively scheduled to adopt this rule at its October 2, 2012 Administrative Session.

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