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### Commissioners Attend Groundbreakings for Army Solar Facilities

ATLANTA, May 14, 2015 – Commissioners from the Georgia Public Service Commission are attending groundbreakings today and tomorrow for two new 30 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic installations for the U.S. Army on Georgia military bases. Commissioner Stan Wise attended the ceremony at Fort Gordon today and Commissioner Chuck Eaton is attending the groundbreaking at Fort Stewart tomorrow. The Fort Gordon and Fort Stewart projects are two of three Georgia Power solar projects for the Army that the Commission approved in [October 2014](#). The groundbreaking for the third project, located at Fort Benning, was held on April 17, 2015.

“Georgia is an early enactor with the Department of Defense to make these important projects happen,” said Commissioner Stan Wise. “The opportunity to build these projects came up rather quickly and was accomplished through a collaborative process between the Army, Georgia Power, and the Commission.”

The three projects stem from a 2007 decision by the Commission which authorized the Company to build three 30 MW renewable projects provided that the cost of the projects is equal to or less than the Company’s avoided costs, meaning no upward pressure on rates. The price of solar has dropped dramatically in recent years, allowing Georgia Power to now meet the avoided cost condition. These projects will contribute towards the Department of Defense mandates regarding renewable energy and energy security and represent a significant investment in Georgia Army bases.

“The Commission is proud to be able to play a role in improving national security, increasing energy independence, and supporting our Georgia bases,” added Commissioner Eaton.

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Georgia Public Service Commissioner Stan Wise (far right) takes part in groundbreaking of solar facility at Fort Gordon, Georgia