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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **PSC to Conduct Hearing on December 1, 2015 Georgia Power Company's Request to Adjust Georgia Power Fuel Cost Recovery Rate**

Atlanta, November 23, 2015 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a hearing on Tuesday December 1, 2015 on the Georgia Power Company (Company) request to decrease the Fuel Cost Recovery (FCR) Rate in Docket 39638. The hearing will start immediately following the regularly scheduled 10 a.m. Administrative Session in Room 110 at the Commission offices at 244 Washington Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The Company is asking the Commission to approve proposed changes that will result in a decrease of approximately 11% in the FCR rates, which equates to a decrease of approximately 3% or \$4.04 per month on the total bill of the typical 1,000 kilowatt residential customer. In the event that all of the testimony is not heard on December 1, 2015, the hearing will continue on December 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

"Announcing a rate reduction anytime is great--but especially around the Christmas holidays," said Commissioner Tim Echols. "Cheap natural gas continues to be a blessing to our state."

The Commission will begin by first receiving the testimony of 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 appropriate motions concerning Georgia Power's pre-filed testimony. Following these motions, the Commission will conduct hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony. Immediately following hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony, the Commission will commence with hearings on Commission Staff and Interveners direct testimony.

Following the direct testimony, the Commission will hear any rebuttal testimony filed by Georgia Power.

The schedule in this docket is as follows:

December 1, 2015	Commission hears testimony from all parties
December 15, 2015	Special Energy Committee hearing
December 15, 2015	Commission issues decision at Administrative Session

Under Georgia law, within 180 days of the Company's filing, the Commission shall act on the Company's request. According to the statute, if the Commission fails to act within 180 days after

the filing, the expenditures shall be deemed approved by operation of law. The statutory deadline in this Docket is December 17, 2015. O.C.G.A. § 46-3A-7(b)

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.

The Georgia Public Service Commission is a constitutional agency that exercises its authority and influence to ensure that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced telecommunications, electric and natural gas services from financially viable and technically competent companies. Additional information can be found on the Commission web site, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us).

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