



## Georgia Public Service Commission

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **PSC Continues Hearings on December 11, 2017 on Georgia Power Company's Seventeenth Plant Vogtle Construction Monitoring Report; Proposed Forecast Cost and Schedule Revisions; and Determination of Continuation or Cancellation of the Project.**

Atlanta, December 4, 2017 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will begin hearings on Monday December 11, 2017 at 10 a.m. on the Georgia Power Company's Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Vogtle Plant Construction Monitoring (VCM) Report in Docket 29849 in Room 110 at the Commission offices at 244 Washington Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The hearing will continue as needed through Thursday, December 14, 2017. The hearings will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday December 12 and Thursday, December 14, 2017.

At the beginning of the December 11, 2017 session the Commission will hear first from public witnesses. Public witnesses' opportunity to speak will be limited to three minutes each. Once the Commission hears from the public witnesses, the Commission will take up preliminary matters and then conduct a hearing on the testimony of the Public Interest Advocacy Staff and intervenors.

One issue identified in the Procedural and Scheduling Order dated September 21, 2017 is whether the Commission should verify and approve or disapprove the expenditures as made pursuant to the certificate issued by the Commission. Georgia Power is requesting the Commission to verify and approve \$542 million in expenditures on the Vogtle Construction Project for the six-month period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2017.

Second, the Company is also requesting that the Commission consider two Company recommendations. The Company's first recommendation is to proceed with the Project provided that the Commission agrees with certain conditions set forth by the Company in its filing. The Company's second recommendation is in the alternative to cancel the Project should the Commission not adopt all the conditions for proceeding with the Project, and allow the Company to recover its prudently incurred investment in the partially completed facility along with the cost of carrying the unamortized balance of that investment.

The remaining schedule for hearings and filings in this docket is as follows:

December 11-14, 2017	Staff and intervenors present testimony
December 29, 2017	Georgia Power Company files rebuttal testimony
January 8-10, 2018	Georgia Power Company presents rebuttal testimony
January 19, 2018	Parties file briefs and/or proposed orders
February 6, 2018	Commission issues decision at Administrative Session

Under Georgia law, within 180 days of the Company's filing of the Seventeenth VCM Report, the Commission shall verify and approve or disapprove expenditures made pursuant to the certificate. Additionally, if the Company has proposed revisions to the Projects forecast cost, schedule, and/or configuration the Commission must approve, disapprove, or modify the proposed revisions. According to the statute, if the Commission fails to so act within 180 days after such filing, the expenditures shall be deemed approved by operation of law. The statutory deadline in this Docket is February 27, 2018. (O.C.G.A. § 46-3A-7(b))

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

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