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### News Release

#### **PSC Approves Green Power and Green Energy Pricing Programs**

ATLANTA, July 15, 2003 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved the state's first Green Power Pricing tariffs for the Green Energy Programs submitted by Georgia Power Company and Savannah Electric and Power Company. The entirely voluntary programs will allow electric utility consumers to purchase part of their electric power generated by renewable resources, such as landfill gas, solar, wind, limited hydro and limited biomass.

Georgia Power customers who are interested in participating in the utility's Green Energy Programs would be able to do so at a premium rate of \$5.50 per 100-kilowatt hour block per month for a minimum of 12-month period of time following a motion by Commissioner Angela Speir. Speir said, "I appreciate the Commission's support of my motion to lower the cost of the Green Energy Program for consumers. Now Georgians have the option to purchase cleaner, renewable forms of energy."

Savannah Electric and Power customers who are interested in taking part in the Green Energy Program will be able to do so at a rate of \$6 per 100-kilowatt hour block per month for a minimum of 12-month period of time. Qualified non-profit groups will be able to participate by buying a minimum of two blocks per month. The Green Power Pricing tariffs will be effective August 1, 2003. The Commission will conduct an annual review of the Green Energy Programs.

In 2001, the Commission directed Georgia Power and Savannah Electric to file proposed Green Energy Programs that would allow green energy to be purchased by its customers at an established price but would not impact bills of customers who chose not to participate. Green pricing will allow participating customers to support a greater level of investment in renewable energy technologies, such as solar, wind, limited biomass and limited hydro as defined by the Accreditation Committee Stakeholders Group.

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