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PSC To Hold Hearings Next Week on Georgia Power Company's Proposed Integrated Resource Plan

ATLANTA, April 20, 2007 – Starting Tuesday, April 24, at 10:00 and continuing each day, as needed, the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct hearings on the proposed 2007 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filed by Georgia Power Company in Docket No. 24505.

An IRP is a plan that contains the utility's demand and energy forecast for the next 20 years, a program for meeting the forecast in an economical and reliable manner, an analysis of all capacity resource options (demand-side and supply-side), and the effect of each capacity resource option on the future cost and reliability of electric service.

IRPs must be filed at least every three years. Within 120 days of the filing, the Commission must determine whether the forecasts are based on substantially accurate data, employ an adequate method of forecasting, and take into account reductions in demand from energy efficiency measures.

In its 2007 Integrated Resource Plan, Georgia Power Company proposed a mix of generation resources with which it expects to meet Georgia's future demand for electricity. The Company's mix study selected nuclear as the most cost-effective resource in the 2015/2016 time-frame. If the proposed IRP is approved, Georgia Power Company will plan to have new nuclear units in place by 2016. The Company could file for PSC certification of a self-built nuclear unit as early as Spring 2008, if they obtain an exemption from the Commission's competitive bidding requirements for future baseload coal and nuclear facilities, which the Company has requested.

In addition to requesting approval of its 2007 IRP, Georgia Power Company is seeking certification of Combined Cycle Generating Units at Plant McDonough and retirement of the Plant McDonough's existing coal generating units.

Additional hearings will be held in May for the Commission to take the testimony of GPSC Staff witnesses and all other Intervenors. A final ruling on the Integrated Resource Plan will be made at a Specially Scheduled Administrative Session on July 12, 2007.

You can find more information on this case on the PSC website www.psc.state.ga.us with a docket search for Docket No. 24505.

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