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PSC Files Comments With DNR Regarding The Potential Impact On Electric Customers Of Georgia Power's Complying With Tighter Mercury Emission Guidelines

ATLANTA, May 29, 2007 – Today, the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) submitted comments regarding the potential impact on Georgia Power Company's (Company) customers if the State Environmental Protection Division adopts stricter mercury guidelines on June 27, 2007. The Board of Natural Resources' proposed amendments to its Air Quality Control Rules will reduce mercury emissions, because mercury can pollute waterways and accumulate in fish, posing a danger to people who eat them.

The Commission neither supports nor opposes the proposed Air Quality Rule Amendments, as the determination of their appropriateness is within the expertise and charge of the Board of Natural Resources. Instead, the Commission filed comments to provide information on the estimated financial impact of the proposed rules on the retail electric rates of Georgia Power. The Commission believes that information on the financial impact is relevant in weighing the relative costs and benefits of the proposed Rules.

The Commission sets the electric rates that the Company charges its customers. If new environmental rules are implemented, which require a regulated electric utility to incur additional costs, the Commission, by law, must allow the Company to include these prudently incurred costs in rates.

It is the Commission's understanding that this proposal, as currently written, would require the Company to invest about \$4 billion over the next eight years to install new pollution controls. If the cost of this equipment is shared equitably among all customers the average residential customer's base rates would increase by 12%. Therefore, spending \$4 billion would increase average residential base rates by \$93, from \$793 per year to \$886. Base rates do not include the cost of fuel used to generate the electricity sold.

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