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## PSC Approves Revamped Georgia Power Green Energy Program; Assignment of 3-1-1 Service to Cobb County for Non-emergency Government Services

ATLANTA, September 15, 2008 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today unanimously approved changes in Georgia Power's Green Energy program that will result in lower rates for consumers purchasing Green Energy blocks and also offer a Large Volume Purchase and Special Events option. (Docket Number 16573)

The new tariff will allow consumers to purchase 100 Kilowatt blocks of Green Energy for \$3.50, a reduction of \$1 from the previous tariff.

The Large Volume Purchase will allow customers who purchase at least 400 blocks under the standard Green Energy offering to contract with Georgia Power for additional renewable energy at a reduced price. Georgia Power will contract individually with each customer to determine the price, quantity, term and source of the additional green energy.

Under the Commission approved proposal, the modified Green Energy product will be all biomass, primarily from the Seminole Landfill in DeKalb County, and will contain no solar or wind energy at this time. However, Georgia Power will offer a Premium Green Energy Product at \$4.50 per block which receives at least two percent of its energy from solar resources.

In other action, the Commission approved the assignment of 3-1-1 to the Cobb County Government to allow its citizens get the latest information on their county government and to report non-emergency situations. According to the County's filing, this new dialing assignment will serve about 700,000 Cobb County citizens.

In its filing, the County says it will formally launch the service on February 1, 2009, will serve all cities as well as unincorporated areas in Cobb County and anticipates handling over a million calls a year.

According to Commission records, Cobb County is the 5<sup>th</sup> government in Georgia to be assigned the 3-1-1 dialing code in order to offer government services to citizens. The others are DeKalb County, Columbia County, Columbus Consolidated Government and the City of Savannah.

More information on this issue can be found on the Commission web site, <u>www.psc.state.ga.us</u> under Docket Number 27825.