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### **Commission Approves West Georgia Pipeline for Kia Motor Company Plant** *Supports Economic Development*

ATLANTA, February 27, 2009 – The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) has approved a 12.5 mile long steel natural gas pipeline in West Georgia that will deliver over 14,000 million cubic feet daily of natural gas to the Kia Motor Company automobile manufacturing plant now under construction in Troup County. The plant is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. The Commission action will ensure that the plant has an adequate supply of natural gas for its operations.

“This pipeline will promote economic development in West Georgia,” said Commission Chairman Doug Everett. “At the same time, we are ensuring that this pipeline will operate in a safe and reliable manner.”

The Commission approved the request by the City of LaGrange (Docket Number 28727) to construct the pipeline through Coweta County in order to connect LaGrange’s existing pipeline to the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline (Transco) in order to provide natural gas service to the Kia plant. The pipeline would run from the Grantville meter station to the Transco pipeline in Coweta County.

The Commission decision requires that the City of LaGrange must submit construction and economic feasibility information within 30 days of a signed final Commission order. All parties in this docket must also file a mutually agreed upon Countywide Safety Plan for Coweta County within 30 days of the order.

The 2.4 million square foot Kia Motor Manufacturing Plant will employ more than 2,500 workers and produce an estimated 300,000 vehicles a year.

More information on this proceeding can be found on the Commission web site, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us)

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