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### **PSC Approves Additional Solar Power Options for Georgians**

ATLANTA – October 5, 2010 – Georgia Power Company will have the option of purchasing more solar energy and making that energy available to consumers in the Green Energy Program, following Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) approval today of additional solar power generation. A majority of the Commission approved the Company's request for a new Solar Purchase Tariff. Under the tariff the Company will purchase an additional 2,500 kilowatts of solar energy.

"This action sends a message that Georgia is a leader. We can lead 32 other states in solar energy and open the door for greater participation in our solar energy program," said Commission Chairman Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr.

Under the new tariff the Company would purchase an additional 1,500 kilowatts of solar energy at the preset solar purchase price of \$0.17 per kilowatt hour and purchase the remaining 1,000 kilowatts through a request for proposal process.

In its filing, the Company cited several reasons for making its request at this time. This includes procuring additional resources that will allow the Company's customers to take advantage of federal and state incentives that may expire soon. Through the additional solar purchases, the Company says it also expects to gain cost and operational knowledge of solar electricity generation by requiring customers to file project cost and operational data with both the Company and the Commission. To complement these additional solar purchases and to further grow the sales of the Green Energy Program, the Company adds that it will also be implementing a new marketing initiative.

These additional purchases of solar energy under the SP-1 and RNR-7 tariffs are proposed by the Company with the intention of holding non-participants of the Green Energy Program harmless. All possible over or under recoveries attributable to purchases made under the RNR-7 and SP-1 tariffs will continue to be recovered through the Company's fuel clause. Georgia Power will continue to make quarterly filings which provide information about the Green Energy Program including the program's current recovery position.

More information can be found on the Commission web site at [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us) under Docket Number 16573.

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