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PSC To Hold Hearings Tomorrow And Next Week On Georgia Power Company's Proposed Integrated Resource Plan

ATLANTA, May 10, 2007 – Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and continuing for three days next week, the Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will conduct more hearings on Georgia Power Company's proposed 2007 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filed in Docket No. 24505.

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, one of several intervenors in this case, will present direct testimony Friday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m. Commission Staff and all other intervenors will testify next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, (May 15, 16 and 17) starting at 11:00 a.m. each day.

The IRP under review contains Georgia Power Company's demand and energy forecast for the next 20 years. The plan also lays out the utility's 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 determines 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 has 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-build 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 in Docket No. 24506.

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 or 24506.

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