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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **PSC To Hold Third Round of Georgia Power Rate Case Hearings**

Atlanta, November 21, 2007 — The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) next week will hold the third and final scheduled round of hearings on the Georgia Power Company request to increase its base electric rates in Docket Number 25060.

The hearings resume at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2007 and are scheduled to continue at 10 a.m. Friday November 30, 2007 and at 10 a.m. Monday December 3, 2007 if needed. The hearings will be held in room 110 at 244 Washington Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia. Public witnesses will be heard first followed by the Company's rebuttal testimony.

On June 29, 2007, the Company filed its request with the Commission seeking a \$406 million rate increase for 2008 which would add \$6.67 to the typical household's average \$84.55 monthly bill. The Company also requested additional rate increases for 2009 and 2010. The total requested increases for those years were \$597 million for 2009 and \$638 million for 2010. Under the Company's proposal, by 2010, the typical household would pay \$10.29 more per month.

Last week, Georgia Power, the Advocacy Staff, the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs (who represents residential and small businesses) and other parties signed an agreement for a three-year rate plan that would increase rates by \$99.7 million annually and establish an environmental recovery tariff that would allow the Company to collect another \$222 million per year. The Commission has not made a decision on this agreement.

The remaining schedule for the Georgia Power rate case is:

- December 18, 2007, 11:00 a.m. Special Energy Committee hearing to hear the Commissioner Advisory Staff recommendation and to hear from any interested parties regarding that recommendation.
- December 20, 2007, Commission decision during Special Administrative Session

Any new rates from this proceeding would take effect in January 2008. The audio of the proceeding can be heard by going to the Commission's website, <a href="http://www.psc.state.ga.us">http://www.psc.state.ga.us</a> and clicking on Audio Broadcast. Additional information on this case can be found on the Commission's website under Major Rate Cases.

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