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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Georgia Power Plant Mitchell Conversion Certification Hearings Open December 2**

Atlanta, November 24, 2008 — The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will open the first round of hearings on the Georgia Power Company (Company) request seeking certification to convert its Plant Mitchell generation plant from coal burning to biomass fuels at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. The meeting will take place in Room 110 at 244 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. If you are interested in speaking before the Commission, please plan to be present at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 2, 2008.

The hearings will continue at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 if necessary, with the Company presenting its testimony and evidence in support of its request.

The remaining schedule as adopted by the Commission is as follows:

- January 20-21, 2009--Staff and intervenor testimony
- February 19, 2009--Company rebuttal
- March 17, 2009--Commission decision

Georgia Power has indicated in its filing that conversion of the Plant Mitchell Unit 3 is consistent with the Company's renewable expansion plans, adds to fuel diversity and maximizes the life and value of the unit. As part of the 2007 Integrated Resource Plan, the Commission found Georgia Power's plan to develop cost-effective renewable resources to be reasonable. If approved, the plant is scheduled to be in commercial operation for the summer of 2012. Under the IRP statute, new power generation cannot be added to the system or significant changes made to the capacity of an existing facility without a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by this Commission.

More information on this issue can be found on the Commission web site, [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us) under Docket Number 28158.

The audio web cast of the meeting is available by going to the Commission website, <http://www.psc.state.ga.us> and clicking on the Audio Broadcast link.

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