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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### ***PSC to Review Plant Vogtle Nuclear Power Construction Costs; Next Hearing Set for July 22***

Atlanta, July 15, 2010 — The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a third and final hearing on Thursday July 22, 2010 to review Georgia Power Company's (Company) semi-annual construction monitoring report for Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 nuclear construction project for the period ending December 31, 2009. The hearing will begin at 11 a.m. and will take place in Room 110 at 244 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia. The Commission will conduct hearings on Georgia Power Company's rebuttal testimony.

The Commission on March 17, 2009 approved the Company's request to certify the construction of two new nuclear power units at its Plant Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant near Waynesboro, Georgia. Under the agreement approved by the Commission, the Company must file semi-annual monitoring and monthly status reports with the Commission. The semi-annual construction monitoring report includes any proposed revisions to the cost estimate, construction schedule, or project configuration, as well as a report on actual costs incurred during the period covered by the report. The report also includes the Company's economic analysis for continuing with the project. At this time, according to the Company, the project is on schedule and within budget.

A Certificate is issued by the Commission upon a finding that there is a need for the proposed capacity and that the resource provides an economical and reliable supply of electric power in accordance with the current Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The 2007 IRP stated that the utility would need an additional 2,200 Megawatts of new baseload electric power generation in the 2016 and 2017 timeframe to meet its growing energy needs. Under the IRP statute, new power generation cannot be added to the system without a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by this Commission.

The remaining schedule for this proceeding is:

August 2, 2010: Briefs and/or proposed orders due  
August 17, 2010: Commission issues its decision at regular Administrative Session

The audio web cast of the hearing is available on the Commission website, <http://www.psc.state.ga.us> under the Audio Broadcast link. More information is available under Docket Number 29849.

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