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Georgia Power Files Precursor for Expanding Nuclear Generation *PSC Chairman Backs Effort to Diversify Energy Mix*

Atlanta, February 20, 2006 – Georgia Power Company (Company) today filed a request for approval of an accounting order to begin the licensing and pre-construction phase for new nuclear generation units at existing facilities in Georgia.

Public Service Commission Chairman Stan Wise, a known proponent of the expansion of nuclear power, applauded the filing, saying; “This measure will diversify Georgia’s energy mix by expanding nuclear generation at existing plants in our state.”

Georgia Power currently owns a majority of two nuclear power facilities in Georgia; Plant Vogtle near Waynesboro, Georgia and Plant Hatch near Baxley, Georgia. These plants currently contribute 22.5% of the total generation mix with coal, natural gas and other fuels making up the difference. “We all are aware of natural gas price volatility and what it means to Georgians. I certainly have said for the past five years that the expansion of nuclear power is a necessity for the future of all Georgians,” said Wise.

Chairman Wise said the Commission will exercise its regulatory responsibility to ensure any nuclear power costs borne by ratepayers are prudent and legitimate. “It is appropriate that the Commission review every step of the way all costs associated with the expansion of nuclear energy,” he added. A schedule for Commission review will be issued in the coming days.

Commissioner Wise is currently chairman of the Georgia Public Service Commission. He is serving his second six-year term on the Commission, having been first elected in 1994 and re-elected in 2000. He previously served as Commission Chairman in 1997 and 1999.

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