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FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER LAUREN "BUBBA" MCDONALD, JR.

Georgia Power and U.S. Army Look to Install Solar Projects at Georgia Bases

ATLANTA, May 6, 2014 – Georgia Power Company is expected to file with the Commission a plan that looks to install solar projects at three major U.S Army bases in Georgia that will further the Army’s efforts to meet its renewable energy and energy security mandates. Georgia Power announced during today’s Administrative Session that it will file an update to its 2007 renewable action plan that will include a memorandum of understanding with the Army to pursue the three projects. More details will be released once the Company makes its filing.

Major General Al Aycock, Director of Operations, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, told the Commissioners that it is the attitude toward renewable energy that makes Georgia a natural site for the Army to install renewable energy resources at its facilities. “We are at a stage now to where we’ll be able to fulfill nine percent of our mandates that the federal government has given us to move to renewables. But it’s bigger than that. It’s the ability to continue operations when nobody else can continue operations. And that’s what makes the difference -- the vision that you have for renewables assists us in our way forward to make this work.” Maj. General Aycock added that this is a national security issue to ensure that Georgia bases are not reliant on just one form of energy.

Maj. General Aycock said the Army is committed to making these projects work so that Georgia will “be the shining example of how this can work with other commissions around the area.”

“This is another example of how we can install renewable resources in Georgia without using mandates or putting upward pressure on rates,” said Commissioner Lauren “Bubba” McDonald, Jr. “This program, if implemented, would benefit Georgia’s economy and strengthen national security.”

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