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PLANT WASHINGTON WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT FINALIZED

POWER4Georgians works closely with state regulators throughout permitting process to ensure Plant Washington permits meet strictest environmental standards

(Atlanta, Ga. – August 19, 2011) – POWER4Georgians today announced that the waste water discharge permit for the Plant Washington project has been finalized.

On July 8, 2011, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued a revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Plant Washington that addressed the remaining issues identified by Administrative Law Judge Ronit Walker. On August 17, with no challenges being filed within the 30-day comment period, Judge Walker issued an order dismissing with prejudice the previous appeals. This means that Plant Washington's waste water discharge permit is now final and effective.

"Throughout the permitting process, we have worked closely with EPD to address issues raised by Judge Walker and other concerns raised by petitioners to ensure that our permits not only meet, but exceed, the strictest environmental standards," said Dean Alford, spokesperson for POWER4Georgians. "We have committed to making Plant Washington one of the cleanest and environmentally-friendly coal energy facilities in the nation, and this permit is another example of that promise."

When construction begins, the plant is expected to take approximately four years to complete and will require up to 1,600 skilled trade jobs earning over \$250 million in labor wages and benefits. When complete, Plant Washington is expected to create between 120 and 130 new jobs onsite generating over \$7 million in annual wages and benefits, as well as an additional 200 to 300 new secondary jobs in supporting businesses and industries.

About POWER4Georgians

POWER4Georgians is a consortium of Georgia EMCs that have partnered to develop and implement a comprehensive energy strategy to meet the growing demand for affordable and reliable electricity for the members they serve. One of the key components of their strategy is development of new baseload power facilities such as Plant Washington and Plant Ben Hill. For more information visit: www.power4georgians.com.

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