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Plans for Plant Washington unaffected by recent issues at Cobb EMC

POWER4Georgians moving forward with plans for technologically advanced power plant.

(Sandersville, Ga. – January 12, 2011) – POWER4Georgians today announced that it has no intent to alter its plans for moving forward with the permitting and building of Plant Washington, an 850 Megawatt power generation facility near Sandersville.

Some opponents have issued statements indicating that the legal issues surrounding the head of Cobb EMC, one of six electric membership co-ops participating in Power4Georgians, are somehow going to halt the plans for Plant Washington. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"This has nothing to do with Plant Washington and will not impact it in any way. Opponents of the project are trying to make a tie that doesn't exist," said Dean Alford, spokesman for Power4Georgians. "We are on schedule and moving forward just as we anticipated that we would when the project was announced in 2007."

In a recent statement, the managers of POWER4Georgians offered the following:

"Each of the board members of Power4Georgians has known and worked with Dwight Brown for many years. He is a man of outstanding character and integrity. The indictment is a heartbreaking attempt to criminalize a civil dispute which has long since been settled, and each member of the board is confident that Dwight Brown will be exonerated.

"Plant Washington will not be affected by this unwarranted development. Plant Washington is not tied to any one person or any one cooperative. Plant Washington was undertaken by a very solid group of electric cooperatives and enjoys broad support from Georgia's electric cooperatives for a much needed power supply alternative."

It appears that certain organizations are concerned about delaying or stopping Plant Washington without a real clear picture from them on how the electric cooperatives are to meet their future energy needs. POWER4Georgians continues to look at all sources of energy from nuclear to coal to alternatives and everything in between -- and is evaluating all options on an ongoing basis.

Plant Washington will feature technologically advanced emissions controls that are far superior to any coal plant in Georgia and, in fact, the plant's overall emissions profile will be among the lowest that has ever been proposed for a coal-fired facility anywhere in the United States.

When construction begins, the plant is expected to take approximately four years to build and will create up to 1,600 professional construction and skilled trade jobs. When complete, Plant Washington is expected to create between 120 and 130 new jobs onsite, as well as an additional 200 to 300 new secondary jobs in supporting businesses and industries. The plant will generate enough electricity to meet the annual needs of 500,000 to 700,000 Georgia homes.

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.

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