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### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Commission Announces Outstanding Response to Notice of Intent for Large Solar Project Bids**

ATLANTA, September 7, 2011 – The response to the Georgia Public Service Commission's announcement to submit a notice of intent to participate in Georgia Power Company's Large Scale Solar (LSS) offering has been outstanding. Nearly 150 applications were submitted through the Commission's website which would provide approximately 67 million kilowatt hours of clean solar energy to Georgia Power customers. According to the Commission's order of August 2, 2011, the LSS will provide up to 50 Megawatts of total generation capacity.

It is estimated these projects, if fully implemented, will bring in \$15 to \$20 million in tax revenues to the state. Georgia Power will review all applications for adequate financing and technical specifications. The projects must be underway this year in order to qualify for a 30 percent federal cash grant. Under the Commission order, the project must also be physically located in Georgia.

"I'm pleased with the position of Georgia Power and the action of the Commission," said Commissioner Lauren "Bubba" McDonald, Jr., "and now we're ready to move forward." McDonald on June 7, 2011 had called on Georgia Power and the Commission staff to submit a proposal for a Large Scale Solar project to the Commission.

The overall investment of these projects is estimated at approximately \$180 million in providing solar related construction and manufacturing jobs in Georgia.

For more information, visit the Commission web site at [www.psc.state.ga.us](http://www.psc.state.ga.us).

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