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EPD to Host Public Hearing in Sandersville on Applications Submitted by Power4Georgians for a Proposed Coal-Fired Power Plant

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a public hearing to receive comments on draft permits issued to Power4Georgians, LLC to construct and operate a coal-fired power plant proposed for location in Washington County under the name of Plant Washington.

EPD will hold the public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., in the cafeteria at Ridge Road Elementary School. Ridge Road Elementary is located at 285 Ridge Road in Sandersville.

"We are grateful to the many citizens who attended our question-and-answer session in Sandersville on October 6," said Jim Ussery, Assistant EPD Director. "The next step in the review process is the public hearing, which will be an opportunity to provide comments to EPD. We value the participation of Sandersville and Washington County residents and all others who want to be involved."

EPD received permit applications for air emissions, solid waste handling, ground water withdrawal, surface water withdrawal, stream buffer variance and wastewater treatment from Power4Georgians. EPD has issued draft permits to Power4Georgians. Please view the permits online at: <http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/html/permits/psd/dockets/plantwashington/index.htm>.

Power4Georgians is a consortium of Georgia electric membership cooperatives, or EMCs, that have combined to propose this power plant. Plant Washington has submitted an application to construct and operate an 850-megawatt, coal-fired power plant. The consortium has 1,134 acres of land set aside for the project northeast of Sandersville.

Please note the public comment period for the Plant Washington project ends on Tue., Oct. 27, 2009 at 5 p.m. Please send written and email comments to the following addresses:

Written comments to:

Plant Washington Comments
Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 – East Tower
Atlanta, Ga. 30334

Email comments to: epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us

For information on the permit applications review process, please contact Jim Ussery, 404-656-4713, or Jac Capp, Air Protection Branch chief, 404-363-7000. For information about the public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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