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EPD to Host Q & A Session in Sandersville on Proposed Power Plant Applications Submitted by Power4Georgians

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum to answer questions and receive formal comments on applications for permits submitted by Power4Georgians, LLC to construct and operate a coal-fired power plant proposed for location in Washington County and would be under the name of Plant Washington.

EPD will hold the meeting on Thursday, March 5, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., in the Sandersville Technical College Auditorium. Sandersville Tech is located at 1189 Deepstep Road in Sandersville.

“The purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the permitting review process for the six permits required to operate this type of power generating facility,” said Jac Capp, Air Protection Branch Chief of EPD. “We are hosting this initial meeting to be sure the residents of Sandersville, Washington County and surrounding areas know the general rules and review process we’re conducting for Plant Washington. We invite all who are interested to come to the meeting and to be sure to ask questions for us to answer.”

Power4Georgians is a consortium of 10 Georgia electric management corporations, or EMCs, that have combined to propose this power plant. Plant Washington has submitted Application No. 17924 to construct and operate an 850-megawatt, coal-fired power plant. The plant’s design would include: one supercritical pulverized coal-fired 8300 MMBtu/hr. boiler; one low sulfur diesel-fired 240 MMBtu/hr auxiliary boiler; a steam turbine and associated generator; 34 cooling towers; and plant supporting equipment. The consortium has 1,134 acres of land set aside for the project northeast of Sandersville.

EPD has received permit applications for air emissions, solid waste handling, ground water withdrawal, surface water withdrawal, storm water processing and wastewater treatment in order for the proposed facility both to be constructed and operated in Georgia. All air releases from the facility would be monitored in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act and Georgia Air Quality Control Act. Each additional permit also would be governed by federal and state rules.

EPD has not issued draft permits for any of the six permits sought by Power4Georgians. The division will provide drafts for public review and comment in the next several months. In the meantime, EPD will provide meeting attendants on March 5 with all available information under review at this time. The division will host another meeting when draft permits have been issued.

For information on the permit applications review process, please contact Jim Ussery, assistant director of EPD, 404-656-4713, or Jac Capp, 404-363-7000. For information about the Q&A Session, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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