

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
REGARDING THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION FOR
GEORGIA POWER COMPANY WANSLEY STEAM-ELECTRIC
GENERATING PLANT
ROOPVILLE, GEORGIA

Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
State of Georgia
County of Heard

To All Interested Persons and Parties

Georgia Power proposes to construct and operate four (4) combined-cycle blocks at their existing Wansley Steam-Electric Generating Plant in Roopville, Heard County, Georgia. (NOTE: Each combined-cycle block will include two combustion turbines, each with a supplementally fired (duct burner) heat recovery steam generator and associated support facilities. Each block will have one steam turbine.) Georgia Power has filed applications for: (1) an air quality permit to construct and operate the proposed modification; (2) a Phase II Acid Rain Permit; and (3) an amendment to their existing Title V Permit. State law specifies that a permit shall be issued upon a determination by the EPD Director that the proposed facility will comply with all State and Federal regulations and requirements.

The Georgia EPD also intends to amend Part 70 Air Quality Operating Permit No. 4911-149-0001-V-01-0 through the issuance of Part 70 Air Quality Amendment No. 4911-149-0001-V-01-2 which will incorporate the proposed modification. Part 70 Operating Permits and Amendments are being prepared in accordance with Part 70 of the Clean Air Act by the Georgia EPD. This permit amendment will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity for written public comments concerning the application for a permit amendment to construct/modify and operate the four combined-cycle blocks, the EPD's Preliminary Determination concerning the application, and the draft Part 70 permit modification. The Preliminary Determination is a summary of the technical review of the application and contains a copy of the Company's application along with the supporting documents, and the draft permit modification. The draft permit serves as both a draft PSD permit and draft Part 70 permit amendment.

You are also hereby notified that a public meeting and hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 2000 located at the following address:

Coweta Commission Chambers
Coweta County Administration Building
22 E. Broad Street
Newnan, Georgia 30263

During the public meeting, representatives from EPD will be available to discuss Georgia Power's applications. Following the public meeting a hearing will be held to receive formal comments on Georgia Power's applications. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing.

EPD has concluded that Georgia Power's application should be approved and that a permit should be granted. This conclusion is based upon evidence that the proposed project, when completed, will comply with the Division's Rules and Regulations for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1; that the emissions from the facility will not cause any significant deterioration of air quality and will comply with the Federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Regulations, 40 CFR 52.21, including use of Best Available Control Technology (BACT) for regulated pollutants.

Georgia Power proposes to equip each combustion turbine and duct burner with dry low NOx burners and to control emissions from the combined combustion turbine and duct burner stack by selective catalytic reduction. Emissions will also be minimized by restricting fuel use to natural gas. The burning of natural gas is not expected to result in significant emissions of toxic pollutants into the atmosphere. EPD has considered air toxics control in its analyses of BACT and air quality.

The PSD regulations allow specific maximum incremental increases in ambient concentrations of particulate matter (PM10), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxides (NOx). The EPD has determined that the maximum predicted impacts of these pollutants due to the proposed modification will consume six (6) percent of the annual NO₂ PSD increment, 6.5 percent of the annual PM10 increment, and thirty-one (31) percent of the 24-hour PM10 increment. Thus EPD has concluded that the facility will not adversely affect the air quality (i.e., exceed the allowable incremental increases in ambient concentrations of PM10, SO₂, and NOx). No allowances are proposed to be allocated to the emission units under the Acid Rain permit application.

This notice is being distributed by local newspaper publication and by mailing. The Preliminary Determination, Phase II Acid Rain permit application, and Title V permit application are available for public review from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the EPD Air Protection Branch office, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354 and the Heard County Courthouse 215 East Court Square, Franklin, Georgia from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Written comments are welcomed. To insure their consideration, written comments should be received on or by July 12, 2000. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or mailed to: Mr. Jimmy Johnston, Stationary Source Permitting Program Manager, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

After the comment period has expired, and after the public hearing, the EPD will issue a Final Determination relative to the facility's application. Copies of the Final Determination, comments received, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the above designated sites.