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Mr. John Swint  
2570 Centralia Rachels Road  
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RE: Power4Georgians Proposed Coal-fired Power Plant (Plant Washington)  
AIRS No. 30300051  
Application No. 17924, dated January 17, 2008

Dear Mr. Swint:

This is in response to your recent inquiry regarding the Power4Georgians proposed coal-fired power plant (Plant Washington) to be located in Washington County.

Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Air Protection Branch is committed to ensuring that the public is adequately informed on the proposed project, including the regulatory process that must be followed in order for the company to obtain the Air Permit from EPD.

So far, EPD has done the following:

- We required the facility to publish a public notice in the Washington County newspaper.
- We e-mailed a brief summary of the project to everyone on our e-mail mailing list.
- We set up a web page that includes the application submitted by the company as well as comments received from the public. This web page is:  
<http://www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/psd/dockets/plantwashington/>

The application review for a project such as this is a lengthy process. At this time, it is uncertain as to how much longer it will take before a draft permit is released. However, it is certain that it will be at least a few more months. EPD is committed to ensuring that the public has adequate opportunity to ask questions and comment on the project and the permit. Therefore, even though the exact time frame is uncertain, EPD will do the following prior to the issuance of any final permit for this project:

- We will hold at least one public meeting prior to the release of a draft permit. At a public meeting, EPD responds to questions from the public in an open forum (sometimes referred to as a Question & Answer Session).

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- We will hold another public meeting shortly after releasing the draft permit to the public.
- We will hold one public hearing near the end of the public comment period for the draft permit. At a public hearing, EPD accepts formal comments on the draft permit.
- The comment period for the draft permit will be at least 60 days.

Thank you very much for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Mueller', written in a cursive style.

Chuck Mueller  
Acting Branch Chief  
Air Protection Branch

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