

# **ALBANY-DOUGHERTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

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## **Georgia Power's Dougherty may burn biomass**

**Albany, Ga., 01 August 2008** – Georgia Power today asked the Georgia Public Service Commission to approve its updated integrated resource plan, which includes converting a Dougherty County coal-fueled plant into one that would burn renewable biomass wood.

According to a Georgia Power news release, “If approved, this plant would be one of the largest wood biomass plants in the U.S. Georgia Power expects to complete this analysis in late August.”

“While we continue to increase our emphasis on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources,” Georgia Power president and CEO Mike Garrett stated in Friday release, “we must also add large-scale base load generation to meet Georgia’s Growing energy needs.”

Renewable energy experts such as Ross Harding of Herty Advanced Material Development Center in Savannah have said that Albany-Dougherty County is an ideal location for an alternative energy plant because of its access to major highways and its proximity to and quantity of biomass.

Albany-based Jay Smith is the regional Georgia Power director.

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