

Plant Branch stack safely demolished

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Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016 – In a matter of seconds, the stack at Georgia Power’s Plant Branch came down. It took hundreds of pounds of explosives to topple the 1,000 foot-tall structure, Saturday, Oct. 15.

Removal of the stack – via controlled demolition – was part of the ongoing dismantlement of the retired power plant, which served customers reliably from 1965 through 2015. The plant was retired in 2015 following approval by the Georgia Public Service Commission through the company’s 2013 Integrated Resource Plan.

Georgia Power worked with a professional demolition contractor to safely remove the stack. The company also coordinated efforts with multiple agencies including the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT), Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Baldwin and Putnam County sheriff’s offices.

Prior to the demolition, local law enforcement and DNR established an exclusion zone to ensure a safe buffer around the site. The agencies, in cooperation with the DOT, also temporarily stopped vehicle traffic during the demolition. Similarly, all boat traffic was prohibited from entering the exclusion zone on Lake Sinclair.