**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

**DOCKET NO. 40161**

**AFFIDAVIT AND BASIS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT PORTIONS OF THE**

**INFORMATION SUBMITTED ARE PROTECTED TRADE SECRETS**

Compliant with the Georgia Public Service Commission’s December 22, 2016 Order Approving Joint Recommendation Regarding the Renewable Cost Benefit Framework in Docket No.40161, Georgia Power Company (“Georgia Power” or the “Company”) submits to the Commission an updated Table 1 from the Costs and Benefits of Distributed Solar Generation in Georgia and the Costs and Benefits of Fixed and Variable Wind Delivered to Georgia documents originally filed in Technical Appendix - Volume 1 to Georgia Power’s 2016 Integrated Resource Plan. Table 1 in each of these documents contains specific resource, technology, and avoided cost information (the “Information”) of the Company. Certain portions of the Information are trade secrets of Georgia Power and the Southern Company and their affiliates.

The trade secret portions of the Information derive economic value from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from their disclosure or use. Specifically, the trade secret portions of the Information contain competitively sensitive cost information related to process and data used by Georgia Power in analyzing long-term technology specific resource additions to the System. Public dissemination of the trade secret portions of the Information would allow Georgia Power’s competitors and suppliers to have access to such processes and thereby gain an unfair competitive advantage in the marketplace. Competitors would obtain an unfair advantage because they are not required to reveal similar information and can utilize such trade secret portions of the Information to manipulate pricing and timing of supply to the disadvantage of Georgia Power. Competitors would also unfairly benefit by having access and insight into the Company’s planning processes and methodologies. This competitive advantage for the Company’s suppliers and competitors would mean that Georgia Power will potentially pay higher prices to suppliers, ultimately harming Georgia Power and its customers.

The trade secret portions of the Information are subject to substantial procedures to maintain their secrecy. Only select Georgia Power and Southern Company personnel are granted access to the trade secret portions of the Information. Those personnel receive access only on a “need to know” basis. Parties outside Georgia Power and Southern Company who have been granted access to the trade secret portions of the Information, if any, have been required to sign confidentiality agreements.

Alison Chiock, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that she has reviewed Table 1 to the Costs and Benefits of Distributed Solar Generation in Georgia and the Costs and Benefits of Fixed and Variable Wind Delivered to Georgia documents originally filed in Technical Appendix - Volume 1 to Georgia Power’s 2016 Integrated Resource Plan and that to the best of her knowledge the specific information designated as trade secret constitute trade secrets in accordance with O.C.G.A. Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10.

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Alison Chiock

Director, Resource Policy & Planning

Georgia Power Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: