**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

**DOCKET NO. 42516**

**Exhibit\_\_\_DPP/SPA-1**

**BASIS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THE**

**INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS TRADE SECRET**

As part of Georgia Power Company’s 2019 Rate Case filed in Docket No. 42516, Georgia Power Company (the “Company”) submits to the Georgia Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) Exhibit\_\_\_DPP/SPA-1 to the rebuttal testimony of David P. Poroch and Sarah P. Adams (the “Exhibit\_\_\_DPP/SPA-1”). Exhibit \_\_\_DPP/SPA-1 includes projected financial statement information of the Company based on assumptions contained in the Direct Testimonies of PIA Staff witnesses Michael Gorman, Ralph Smith, and Rob Trokey for the years 2020 through 2022 (the “Information”). Such Information constitutes trade secret information of the Southern Company, Georgia Power, and its affiliates and is therefore protected from public disclosure under Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11.

The Information derives 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. The Information contains Georgia Power’s confidential projections for the years 2020 through 2022, and misuse of the Information, especially if it differs from real-time results, could impair the Company’s ability to secure financing at a reasonable cost and on most favorable terms. Further, public release of the Information would trigger numerous filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission as the investment community could be influenced by the Information. The Information is used for the Company’s own internal purposes and should not be released to the public where it may be misused by individual investors or the financial community to the detriment of the Company and its customers.

The Information is subject to substantial procedures to maintain its secrecy. Only select Company and Southern Company Services personnel are granted access to the Information. Those personnel receive access only on a “need to know” basis. Parties outside the Company who have been granted access to the Information, if any, have been required to sign confidentiality agreements with respect to the Information.

David P. Poroch, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he has reviewed Exhibit DPP/SPA-1 to the Rebuttal Testimony of David P. Poroch and Sarah P. Adams and that to the best of his knowledge the specific information designated as trade secret constitute trade secrets in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761 (2018).

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David P. Poroch

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Comptroller

Georgia Power Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November 2019.

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Notary Public

My Commission expires: