**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

**DOCKET NO. 42516**

**PSC Monthly Bad Debt Report**

**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”) the monthly bad debt report (“Report”). In the Report, the Company has provided detailed preliminary financial information for July 2020. Portions of such information (the “Information”) constitute 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 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 its disclosure or use. Specifically, the trade secret portions of the Information contain the Company’s actual financial revenues results that have not been disclosed to the public through the quarterly SEC filings. If the trade secret portions of the Information were revealed to the public before the quarterly filing, the Company’s equity investors could use the Information to purchase or sell equity positions which could harm the Company’s ability to obtain equity financing at the appropriate cost to the detriment of ratepayers. Disclosure of the trade secret portions of the Information could also put the Company at a strategic disadvantage to its competitors since they are not required to provide monthly financials prior to the release of the quarterly SEC filings.

The trade secret portions of the Information are 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.