**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

**DOCKET NO. 43838**

Schedule 2, Page 4, Workpaper 7.3 – Production Tax Credits

**BASIS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THE**

**INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS A TRADE SECRET**

In response to the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs) in the Georgia Public Service Commission Docket No. 43838, Georgia Power Company (the “Company”) has provided detailed calculations of projected production tax credits related to Vogtle Unit 3 (the “Information”). The Information is a trade secret of Georgia Power, Southern Company, 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 its disclosure or use. Specifically, the Information contains proprietary data related to projected plant output levels and generation capabilities as well as internal business interpretations of federal tax code and Treasury Department rules and guidelines. Public dissemination of the Information would allow potential competitors an unfair advantage through gaining insight into the aforementioned areas of the Company’s business. Moreover, the Information could be misappropriated by potential competitors, allowing them to unfairly capitalize on the Company’s proprietary information while undermining its business endeavors.

The Information is subject to extensive efforts to maintain its confidentiality. Only select Georgia Power and Southern Company personnel and their legal counsel are granted access to the Information. Those personnel receive access only on a “need to know” basis. If a party outside of Georgia Power and Southern Company are granted access to the Information, the party is required to sign a confidentiality agreement with respect to the Information.