BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 29849

Data Request No. STF-28-9

Basis for the Assertion that Redacted Portions of the Information Submitted are Protected Trade Secrets

In response to Data Request STF-28-9, in Georgia Public Service Commission Docket No. 29849, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or the "Company") has provided information (the "Information"). Certain provisions of the Information are trade secrets of Georgia Power, Southern Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and the City of Dalton (collectively the "Co- owners"), and their affiliates and contractors. These provisions of the Information are protected 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 their disclosure or use. Public disclosure of the Information could give competitors an unfair advantage by showing the Company's costs, schedule and project configuration and that harm could in turn impair Georgia Power, the Co-owners and their customers.

More specifically, the Information that has been redacted contains sensitive planning information for Vogtle Units 3 and 4. This Information is considered confidential and proprietary by the Company and is not generally known by the public. Potential competitors of the Company could use the Information to obtain a detailed picture of the Company's procurement, staffing and construction plans and thereby gain a competitive advantage to the disadvantage of the Company's customers.

Additionally, the Information is subject to extensive efforts to maintain its secrecy. 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 Georgia Power and Southern Company and their legal counsel are granted access to the Information, the party is required to sign a confidentiality agreement.