BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 42310 & 44160

BASIS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS A TRADE SECRET

In accordance with the Order Adopting Stipulation as Amended issued by the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. 42310 and 44160, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or the "Company") is providing to the Commission a Bi-Annual Hydro Modernization Report for the period ending December 31, 2022. The report contains proprietary cost data (the "Information") which constitutes trade secret information of Georgia Power, the 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 confidential budgetary information related to projects at specific hydro generation facilities. Public dissemination of the Information would allow Georgia Power's potential suppliers and contractors access to such estimated costs, thereby bestowing insight into the Company's budgeted cost and timing of such expenditures. Such access would grant an unfair advantage to contractors and suppliers of the Company, who could use such information to artificially set bid and proposal prices during contract negotiations. This could lead to the Company having to pay a price higher than that which it would have paid on a level playing field.

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.

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Jeffrey R. Grubb, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he has reviewed the attached document and that the information included in such document is accurate to the best of his knowledge and that the specific information designated as trade secret constitute trade secrets pursuant to Article 27, Chapter 1, Title 10 of the Georgia Code.

Jeffrey R. Grubb
Resource Policy and Planning Director
Georgia Power Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February 2023.

Katheryn M. Price
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2-6-24

