BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 40161

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

As required in the Order Adopting Stipulations issued by the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Docket No. 40161, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or the "Company") hereby submits to the Commission the Quarterly Renewable Demonstration Projects Monitoring Report for the period ending March 31, 2023 (the "Report"). The Report contains sensitive cost information pertaining to the projects (the "Information"). The 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 its disclosure or use. Specifically, the Information contains competitively sensitive cost information related to the prices Georgia Power has estimated for expenditures related to certain demonstration projects. Public dissemination of the Information would allow Georgia Power's potential suppliers 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 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. Lastly, the Company's competitors are not generally required to file similar information and to require the Company to do so would put it at an economic disadvantage.

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 and their legal counsel are granted access to the Information, the party is required to sign a confidentiality agreement with respect to the Information.