ASSERTION THAT REDACTED PORTIONS OF GEORGIA POWER'S SOLAR QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION MONITORING REPORT ARE PROTECTED AS TRADE SECRETS

DOCKET NO. 24505, DOCKET NO. 39028, AND DOCKET NO. 40161

In response to the Georgia Public Service Commission's ("Commission") request for quarterly update reports regarding the military and other self-build solar projects approved by the Commission in Docket No. 24505, Docket No. 39028, and Docket No. 40161, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "the Company") hereby submits to the Commission the Quarterly Solar Report for the period ending March 31, 2023 (the "Report"). The Report contains sensitive contractual and project pricing information as well as other confidential details (the "Information") that constitute trade secret information of Georgia Power and Southern Company and is protected from public disclosure as such 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 their disclosure or use. More specifically, disclosure of the Information would reveal details related to the confidential pricing terms of the various engineering, procurement and construction agreements related to these projects. Revealing the Information would compromise the Company's ability to procure the best cost resources in connection with these projects or future projects. More specifically, it would give Georgia Power's potential suppliers access to proprietary cost information, thereby granting them insight into the Company's budgeted costs and timing of expenditures. Suppliers could use this information to artificially set future bid and proposal prices, resulting in the Company having to pay a price higher than that which it would have otherwise paid on a level playing field. Furthermore, competitors of the Company are not generally required to disclose similar information and to require the Company to do so would put it at an economic disadvantage.

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 with respect to the Information.