**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**
**DOCKET NO. 3382**

**AFFIDAVIT AND BASIS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS A TRADE SECRET**

As required pursuant to the Commission's Order in Docket No. 3382, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or the "Company") has provided its monthly Report of Retail Fuel Cost Recovery (the "Report"). Portions of the Report contain competitively sensitive financial information related to the Company's fuel expenses and revenues and MWH sales information (the "Information"). The Information is a trade secret of Southern Company, Georgia Power, and their affiliates.

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. Public dissemination of the Information would grant an unfair advantage to the Company's competitors, who are not similarly required to disclose such information. To require the Company to do so would put it at economic disadvantage, as competitors would have insight into the Company's expenses and revenues. Further, the Information contains recent revenues and cost recovery by the Company which could be used by potential investors or lenders to demand higher interest rates or returns. Portions of the Report have not yet been released to the public via required quarterly filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to release such information would necessitate a formal filing.

Additionally, the Information is subject to extensive efforts to maintain its secrecy. Only select Georgia Power and Southern Company Services personnel are granted access to the Information. Those personnel receive access only on a "need to know" basis. Parties outside Georgia Power and Southern Company Services who have been granted access to the Information, if any, have been required to sign confidentiality agreements with respect to the Information.

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

David J. Ashley
Regulatory Fuel Accountant
Georgia Power Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of February 2024.

Elizabeth Claire Green
Notary Public

My Commission expires: July 10, 2026

