

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 55378**

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

In accordance with the Order Adopting Stipulation Agreement issued by the Georgia Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Docket No. 55378, Georgia Power Company (“Georgia Power” or the “Company”) is providing to the Commission a Quarterly Large Load Economic Development Report for the period ending March 31, 2024. The report contains confidential data on the business plans of individual customers and information used in the Company’s load forecast sensitivity models. Such information (the “Information”) constitutes trade secret information of 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 commercial and strategic information related to Georgia Power’s projected load forecasts and corresponding short- and long-term capacity needs. The Information also identifies the various projects and businesses anticipated to increase the Company’s load requirements. Finally, the Information identifies individual customer load opportunities specific to those projects and businesses.

Public dissemination of the Information would allow Georgia Power’s competitors, suppliers, and customers access to the Company’s anticipated load strategies and objectives, thereby bestowing insight into the Company’s strategic initiatives and forecasting capabilities. Competitors would obtain an unfair advantage because they are not required to reveal similar information and can structure their offers for competitive choice opportunities based on the Information rather than their own costs, capacity, abilities, strategies, or analysis. Prospective bidders may artificially set their bids and proposal prices to their advantage based on the Information. Any sensitive budgetary Information, if disseminated, would provide insight to competitors regarding the Company’s financial positions, performance, and status. If the identity of the various projects and the details of their specific opportunities were disseminated to the public, competing projects could use the information to leverage less-than-competitive prices for Georgia Power’s services. If the Information were revealed to the public, the Company could lose business to competitors and pay artificially higher prices to bidders, ultimately harming customers as well as Georgia Power. The identified projects may also lose the competitive incentives to locate within Georgia Power’s service territory, to the detriment of those businesses, their workforces, and the state of Georgia.

The Information is subject to substantial procedures 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 the Company who have been granted access to the Information, if any, have been required to sign confidentiality agreements 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 15 day of May 2024.



Notary Public

My Commission expires:

