BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE:	Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 244	)))	Docket No. 43453

AFFIDAVIT OF DENNIS CHASTAIN

Before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths appeared Dennis Chastain, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states the following:

1.

My name is Dennis Chastain. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and am competent to give this Affidavit, which is given for any and all purposes allowed by law.

2.

The statements set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct and are made upon my personal knowledge.

3.

I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation ("GEMC"), which is a trade association whose members are Georgia's 41 Electric Membership Corporations, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia Transmission Corporation and Georgia System Operations Corporation. GEMC represents its members statewide in the areas of government relations, community and economic development, communications, public relations, media relations and training, education and safety.

4.

As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(34) and Commission Rule 515-3-1-11(1)(C), I hereby declare that **Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024**, which

are being submitted on behalf of the thirty-eight (38) Georgia EMCs that are subject to the Georgia Broadband Opportunity Act, constitute trade secrets pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

5.

The information in Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024 is not commonly known by or available to the public. The information in Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024 has not been disclosed to anyone outside those compiling the information and is not disseminated to anyone except those with an express need to know. Moreover, the information in Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024 is maintained in a secure manner at each of the offices that provided the information contained in Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024.

6.

Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024 contain competitively sensitive information regarding each of the Georgia EMCs' financials and business practices. Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024 derive economic value from not being generally known to others because, among other reasons, it contains competitively sensitive information the disclosure of which would cause harm to each of the Georgia EMCs. Moreover, competitors could obtain economic value from the information contained in Exhibits A and B to GEMC's Pole Attachment Reporting for 2024, including the ability to unfairly compete with the Georgia EMCs.

Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

Dennis Chastain
President and Chief Executive Officer
Georgia Electric Membership Corporation

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 31st day of May, 2024.

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NOTARY PUBLIC
DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
APRIL 16, 2027

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 04/16/2027