**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**
**DOCKET NOS. 44160 and 44161**

**Basis for the Assertion that Redacted Portions of the Information Submitted are Protected Trade Secrets**

In accordance with the Order Adopting Stipulation Agreement issued by Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") in Docket Nos. 44160 and 44161, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or the "Company") is providing to the Commission the Q3 Integrated Hydrogen Microgrid Report (the "Report"). The Report contains confidential information relating to the Company's business plans, forecasted costs, and projected budget (the "Information"). Such 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 trade secret portions of the Information derive 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. Specifically, the Information contains confidential details on the timing and estimated amount of forecasted costs, as well as a sensitive project schedule. The trade secret portions of the Information are considered confidential and proprietary by the Company and its contractors and are not generally known by the public. If the timing and projected costs were disseminated to the public, vendors, and service providers as well as competing projects could use the information to set a floor on pricing thereby arbitrarily increasing costs to Georgia Power's customers. In addition, if the timing of the costs were made public, a competitor or service provider on another project could leverage this information to gain access to equipment, supplies, and services in an already constrained market. Georgia Power's competitors are generally not required to reveal similar information and to require the Company to do so could place it at an economic disadvantage to the detriment of its customers.

The trade secret portions of the Information are subject to substantial procedures to maintain its secrecy. Only select Georgia Power and Southern Company personnel, and their legal counsel, are granted access to this information. Those personnel receive access only on a "need to know" basis. Parties outside Georgia Power and Southern Company and their legal counsel who have been granted access to the Information, if any, have been required to sign confidential agreements with respect to the Information.

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 Planning Director

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Oct, 2024.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

DANIEL MCLEAN NOTARY PUBLIC COWETA COUNTY GEORGIA EXPIRES APRIL 26, 2026