**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

**DOCKET NOS. 56002 & 56003**

**Data Request No. STF-DEA-2-18**

**BASIS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THE**

**INFORMATION SUBMITTED IS A TRADE SECRET**

As part of Georgia Power Company’s 2025 Integrated Resource Plan filed in Docket No. 56002 (“2025 IRP”) and Application for the Certification, Decertification, and Amended Demand Side Management Plan filed in Docket No. 56003 (“2025 DSM Application”), Georgia Power Company (“Georgia Power” or the “Company”) submits to the Georgia Public Service Commission its response to STF-DEA-2-18 (“Response”). In the Response, the Company has provided details regarding a proposed project to increase the capacity of a transmission line in its service territory (the “Information”). All such Information constitutes trade secret information of the 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 could give competitors and vendors an unfair advantage by showing individual components of the Company’s plans, strategies, and project configurations for specific transmission projects. With this Information, competitors and vendors could tailor proposals to set a price floor for equipment or services based on the Company’s expectations to the detriment of the Company and customers. In addition, the Company’s competitors are generally not required to file this information, and to require the Company to do so would put it at an economic disadvantage. The Information also contains Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”), which is subject to regulation under the Code of Federal Regulation, Section 388.113.  The Information could be used to identify vulnerabilities in the transmission system, which could jeopardize the safety, reliability and resiliency of the system if made public.

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.