Georgia Power

Land Department
241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE, BIN 10151
Atlanta, GA 30308-3374

BY CERTIFIED AND U.S. MAIL

December 9, 2024

Re: Notice of Intent to Construct Gravelly Creek - Midway 115 kV Transmission Line

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you may know, Georgia Power Company intends to construct and improve the Gravelly Creek - Midway 115 kV Transmission Line in Jackson County to ensure that homes and businesses in the area will continue to have reliable electric service.

Once the transmission line right-of-way was located, county tax records were researched to determine ownership of the land through which the transmission line will run. The result of this search revealed that the transmission line right-of-way, as located, may cross your property or be in the general area of your property.

In order for you to have an opportunity to learn more about this project, a meeting open to the public has been scheduled. The open house meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at Sassy Studios, 1642 S Broad St Commerce, GA 30529.

We encourage you to attend and participate in this forum. You are welcome to drop by anytime between the stated start and end times.

A copy of the notice announcing the meeting, to be published in the *Jackson Herald* newspaper on December 11, 2024, is enclosed for your information. If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact us at G2GPCTRANSPROJ@southernco.com or 404-506-2294.

Sincerely,

Wes Singletary
Land Acquisition & Compliance Manager

Enclosures: Notice of Intent to Construct

Ref: County Tax ID(s):
Address(es):
Project:
Parcel(s):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT Gravelly Creek - Midway 115 kV Transmission Line

As part of an ongoing effort to provide reliable electric service to its customers, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power") intends to build an electric transmission line with a design operating voltage of 115 kilovolts (kV), known as the Gravelly Creek – Midway 115kV Transmission Line. The construction of this transmission line is needed to ensure safe and reliable electric service to commercial and residential customers in the surrounding area.

Georgia Power will hold a public meeting regarding this project, as required by O.C.G.A. 22-3-160.1, at the following time and place:

Date/Time: January 16, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Location: Sassy Studios GA
1642 S Broad Street
Commerce, GA 30529

The purpose of the aforementioned meeting is to provide public notice of Georgia Power's intent to construct an electric transmission line for which the right of eminent domain may be exercised.

The transmission line route begins at the existing East Maysville 115kV substation and runs east along Twin Mill Drive before turning south toward Maysville Road (Georgia Highway #98). The line route then turns east just before reaching the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks, running along the northern side of the railroad tracks for approximately 1,000 feet before aerially crossing both the railroad tracks and Hwy. #98 in a southeasterly direction. The line route continues east, along the south side of Hwy. #98 until it reaches Hardman Orchard Road. Approximately 300 feet southeast of the road intersection, the line route crosses Hwy. #98, the railroad tracks, and Lam Hardman Road in a northeasterly direction. The line route then turns southeast, following along the northern and eastern side of the railroad tracks and Lam Hardman Road, crossing Interstate Highway #85. Approximately 900 feet after crossing Interstate Hwy. #85, the line route turns south near the intersection of the railroad tracks and Gordon Farm Road, and aerially crosses both the railroad tracks and Gordon Farm Road in a southern direction. The line route continues along the east side of Gordon Farm Road for approximately 250 feet before turning southwest, aerially crossing Gordon Farm Road and Hwy. #98, and continuing cross-country in a southwestern direction for approximately 750 feet. The line route then turns south, continuing cross-country to the proposed Gravelly Creek 115kV substation. The transmission line route is approximately 3.9 miles in length, all of which is located in Jackson County, Georgia.

It is proposed that guyed and self-supporting, steel, concrete and/or hybrid pole design structures will be used along the route to support the transmission line. The acquisition of new easements will be determined by requirements from the company's construction, operations, maintenance, and engineering groups. Where required, the company will need to obtain new easements with widths approximately 30' along roadside and 100' cross-country for the required right of way.

Several alternative construction approaches were considered by Georgia Power, which were rejected for the following reasons:

- **Distribution Option** – Distribution facilities are facilities with an operating voltage of less than 46 kV. The distribution facilities presently in this portion of Jackson County are not considered a potential solution because this transmission line is needed to transmit power across long distances and provide transmission voltage to electric substations in the area. Distribution solutions will not allow for this to occur.
- **Underground Construction Option** – Several factors make overhead transmission construction more advantageous than underground transmission construction. For example:
    - During an outage, restoring service for underground transmission facilities requires more time and resources to complete.

    - Competition for limited utility space makes underground construction more complex than overhead construction.
    - There are direct bore engineering and operational challenges to crossing under railroads, highways, and streams.
    - The cost of underground construction is substantially greater than the cost of overhead construction.
    - Property owners will have more restrictions on their ability to use the company's right-of-way when facilities are buried underground (e.g., no vegetation other than grass, no paving allowed unless pre-approved by Georgia Power, etc.).
- **No Build Option** – Not building a transmission line along this route is a risk that is unacceptable for safety and reliability reasons. A new transmission line is needed in this area to meet the growing demand for electricity.

Please note that attendees from the public will have the opportunity to ask questions and express views and comments regarding the project at this upcoming public meeting.