Georgia Power

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

BY CERTIFIED AND U.S. MAIL

October 07, 2024

Re: Notice of Intent to Construct Decatur - Scottdale 115 kV Transmission Line (OHGW)

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you may know, Georgia Power Company intends to construct and improve the Decatur - Scottdale 115 kV Transmission Line (OHGW) in DeKalb 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 Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the American Legion Post 66 at 30 Covington Rd, Avondale Estates, GA 30002.

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 Champion Newspaper on October 03, 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 Decatur - Scottdale 115 kV Transmission Line (OHGW)

As part of an ongoing effort to provide reliable electric service to 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 Decatur – Scottdale 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, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 22-3-160.1, at the following time and place:

Date/Time: November 12, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Location: American Legion Post 66
30 Covington Road
Avondale Estates, GA 30002

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 starts at the Scottdale Substation and runs in a southeasterly direction approximately 0.3 mile to Annie Street, then runs in a southerly direction along Annie Street approximately 0.2 mile to East Ponce de Leon Avenue, then follows East Ponce de Leon Avenue in a southwesterly direction for approximately 1.1 miles to Sycamore Street. The line continues along Sycamore Street approximately 0.1 mile before turning south and running in a southerly direction approximately 0.1 mile across railroad right of way and East College Avenue, where the line continues in a westerly direction along East College Avenue approximately 0.6 mile to the Decatur Substation. The complete project is approximately 2.4 miles long, entirely in DeKalb 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 DeKalb 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 much 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 meeting.