Georgia Power

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

BY CERTIFIED AND U.S. MAIL

June 19, 2024

Re: Notice of Intent to Construct Cornelia – Tallulah Lodge 115kV Transmission Line

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you may know, Georgia Power Company intends to construct and improve the Cornelia-Tallulah Lodge 115kV Transmission Line in Habersham 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, July 25, 2024, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the Ruby Fulbright Aquatic Center, located at 120 Paul Franklin Road, Clarkesville, GA 30523.

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 Northeast Georgian newspaper on June 19, 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 Cornelia – Tallulah Lodge 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 Cornelia-Tallulah Lodge 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: July 25, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Location: Ruby C. Fulbright Aquatic Center
120 Paul Franklin Road
Clarkesville, GA 30523

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 will replace sections of the Clarkesville Primary 061968 – Habersham Mills 46kV and Clarkesville Primary 061958 – Clarkesville 46kV lines. For the portion of the 115kV line replacing the Clarkesville Primary 061968-Habersham Mills 46kV line, the route will begin near the South Clarkesville Substation and follow the existing right-of-way east before turning north near the intersection of Oakhill Lane and Robertson Loop Road. The route proceeds southeast along Robertson Loop Road, crosses West Louise Street, and runs in an easterly direction along North Railroad Avenue and Highway 197 South. Thence the line will continue eastward until turning northeast near North Mize Road to the vicinity of the Clarkesville Primary Substation.

For the portion of the 115kV line replacing the Clarkesville Primary 061958-Clarkesville 46kV line, the route will proceed from the vicinity of the Clarkesville Primary Substation in a northwesterly direction, crossing Paul Franklin Road and Toccoa Highway, thence run in a southwesterly direction along Toccoa Highway before turning north and continuing to Hollywood Highway. The line will then run in a westerly direction along Hollywood Highway, crossing Paper Lane before turning north and continuing to the Historic 441 Substation.

The complete project is approximately 5.9 miles long with an estimated total of 1.45 miles of new or expanded right-of-way required entirely in Habersham 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 Habersham 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 in order to meet a 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.