

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY
DOCKET NOS. 56298 & 56310**

**BASIS FOR THE ASSERTION THAT THE
INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS TRADE SECRET**

Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or the "Company") submits to the Georgia Public Service Commission the Budget 2026 Load and Energy Forecast in Support of the Application for the Certification of the Capacity from the All-Source Request for Proposals ("RFP") in Docket No. 56298 and the Application for Certification of Capacity Supplemental Resources in Docket No. 56310. Included in this filing, the Company has provided certain information regarding the Company's load and energy forecast data (the "Information"). Certain portions of the Information are trade secrets of Georgia Power and Southern Company and their 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 provided includes load and energy forecast data assumptions such as projections of new customer load the Company assesses it may be selected to serve in the near future; estimates of parameter inputs for modeling probability distributions, and the values of any external adjustments made to the forecast. Public disclosure of the Information could unfairly alter the Company's negotiation position with prospective new customers, which could result in a less advantageous rate being secured and thus potentially harming retail customers through higher rates. In addition, the Company's competitors are not required to file their respective competitive intelligence information.

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

Francisco Valle, first being duly sworn, deposes and states that he has reviewed the Direct Testimony and all other related documents included in this filing in Docket Nos. 56298 & 56310, and that the specific information designated as trade secret constitutes trade secrets in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761 (2019).



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of September, 2025.



Notary Public

