BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE:	Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 244	)))	Docket No. 43453

AFFIDAVIT OF DENNIS CHASTAIN

Before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths appeared Dennis Chastain, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and states the following:

1.

My name is Dennis Chastain. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and am competent to give this Affidavit, which is given for any and all purposes allowed by law.

2.

The statements set forth in this Affidavit are true and correct and are made upon my personal knowledge.

3.

I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation ("GEMC"), which is a trade association whose members are Georgia's 41 Electric Membership Corporations, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia Transmission Corporation, and Georgia System Operations Corporation. GEMC represents its members statewide in the areas of government relations, community and economic development, communications, public relations, media relations, and training, education, and safety. .

4.

As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(34), O.C.G.A. § 10-1-761(4), and Commission Rule 515-3-1-11, I hereby declare that Exhibits 6, 8, and 9 to the pre-filed direct testimony of Rene Smith, which is being submitted on behalf of the thirty-eight (38) Georga EMCs that are subject to the Georgia Broadband Opportunity Act, constitute trade secrets pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

5.

These exhibits contained in the pre-filed direct testimony contain a collection of financial information that is not commonly known by or available to the public as a collection of materials. Exhibits 6, 8, and 9 contained in the pre-filed direct testimony of Rene Smith have not been disclosed to anyone except those with an express need to know. Moreover, these exhibits are maintained in a secure manner at each of the Georgia EMCs' offices. Other than for use in this proceeding, the information contained in the Exhibits is not maintained collectively anywhere making these Exhibits highly sensitive.

6.

Exhibits 6, 8, and 9 as collected and combined together contain competitively sensitive information regarding each of the Georgia EMC's financials, customers, and business practices. These Exhibits contained in the pre-filed direct testimony of Rene Smith derive economic value from not being generally known to others and publicly available because, among other reasons, they contain competitively sensitive and other financial information the disclosure of which would cause harm to each of the Georgia EMCs. Moreover, competitors could obtain economic value

from the information contained in the Exhibits, including in part the ability to unfairly compete with the Georgia EMCs.

Further Affiant Sayeth Not.

Dennis Chastain
President and Chief Executive Officer
Georgia Electric Membership Corporation

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 1st day of December, 2025.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 02/19/2029

Rachael Willis Young
NOTARY PUBLIC
FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
My Commission Expires
02/19/2029