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Subject: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Dominance Financing,
Completion of Environmental Review for the Twiggs Battery Energy
Storage System Project, Twiggs County, Georgia

Dear Burns Wetherington:

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Dominance Financing (EDF) has issued a Federal loan guarantee to Georgia Power Company (GPC) pursuant to DOE's authority under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended. The loan guarantee to GPC is intended to provide financing for many projects over the life of the Federal loan guarantee. Each project is reviewed and considered individually prior to being approved for financing under the Federal loan guarantee. GPC has identified the Twiggs Battery Energy Storage System project (the Project) in Twiggs County, Georgia, for potential inclusion in the loan guarantee.

GPC is proposing the construction and operation of a 200-MW / 4-hour duration electrochemical BESS coupled with a new underground 34.5 kilovolt (kV) utility line and electrical substation. **EDF's financing would apply only to the purchase and installation of equipment (e.g., batteries, step-up transformers) on existing foundations and pads.** EDF financing will not apply to site preparation and development, foundation preparation, or below-ground or underground activities (e.g., steel in ground, underground substation tie-line, etc.).

EDF, in coordination with GPC, identified that the following environmental reviews and consultations are required by the applicable and relevant environmental statutes and Executive Orders (EOs) associated with its proposed Federal financial support:

1. Section 7, Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1536)
2. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 306108)
 - a. EO 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

EDF completed the environmental reviews and consultations associated with the Project, as summarized below.

Section 7, Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1536)

DOE generated an Official Species List on May 8, 2026 (USFWS project code: 2026-0087580). Five threatened, endangered, or proposed for listing species were identified as having potential to occur in the project area. Suitable habitat exists for one species (Monarch butterfly adjacent to the project area). EDF's proposed financing extends to the purchase and installation of equipment on existing pads and foundations. Given there is no ground disturbance associated with EDF's action, EDF has reached a determination of no effect (or, no jeopardy) for this species. Using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Determination Key for the Ocmulgee skullcap and relict trillium, EDF reached a *no effect* determination for these species. For the other two species with potential to occur, whooping crane and southern hognose snake, field surveys confirm that there is no suitable habitat within the action area. And, similar to the Monarch butterfly, as there is no ground disturbance associated with the financing of equipment purchase and installation, EDF has determined that there will be *no effect* to these species.

The project area does not overlap with designated Critical Habitat for any of these species.

Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 306108) and EO 13175

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), on May 13, 2026, DOE EDF initiated consultation with the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and ten (10) Native American Tribes including: Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town; Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; Kialegee Tribal Town; Miccosukee Tribe of Indians; Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Poarch Band of Creek Indians; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Thlopthlocco Tribal Town; and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma.

DOE's consultation package indicated a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected, consistent with 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1).

On June 8, 2026, the Georgia SHPO provided a letter of concurrence with DOE's Finding of No Historic Properties Affected. Additionally, the SHPO confirmed that any changes to this project as it is currently proposed will require additional consultation.

No tribes responded. Further, no objections were received from these parties within 30 days of receipt of DOE's Finding; therefore, in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.4(d)(1)(i), DOE EDF's responsibilities under section 106 are fulfilled.

Conclusion

EDF notes that GPC is responsible for obtaining permits, approvals, and/or authorizations required for the construction and/or operation of the Project.

With this letter, EDF confirms that it has completed the environmental reviews and consultations required by the applicable and relevant environmental statutes and EOs associated with its proposed Federal financial support.

Respectfully,

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