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Subject: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Dominance Financing,
Completion of Environmental Review for a Metering Upgrade Program
(Smart Meters), 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 a Metering Upgrade Program (the Project) for customers throughout GPC's service area, for potential inclusion in the loan guarantee.

GPC proposes installing new smart meters into existing customer-owned meter sockets, replacing analog meters throughout GPC's service area. Project sites are business and residential customer sites with existing meter sockets. The project does not require any new facilities to be constructed, modifications to existing facilities, or ground disturbance. The new smart meters are similar in size and appearance to the original analog meters and the intent is to replace the analog meters in the same location at each site. Replacement of the analog meters with digital meters would eliminate the need for GPC personnel and vehicles to travel to and from each customer meter.

GPC anticipates upgrading approximately 450,520 meters in 2025 and 2026. Work in 2027 and 2028 would focus on setting smart meters in the remaining areas of the state for the planned deployment. Approximately 250,000 meters are planned to be set each year. The commercial operation date for the project, as a whole, is by year-end 2028.

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 of the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1536)
2. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 306108)
 - a. Executive Order 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)

As the project would not require any physical construction or ground disturbance, no impacts are anticipated on any physical or biological resources. Therefore, in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, EDF's review of the Project found that there would be no effect to designated critical habitat or threatened and endangered species.

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

As the project would not require any physical construction or ground disturbance, no impacts are anticipated on any physical or cultural resources. Therefore, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDF's review of the Project found that the the undertaking is a type of activity that does not have potential to cause effects on historic properties. In addition, the Project does not have the potential to cause effects on archaeological sites or other cultural resources. Under 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1), if the lead agency determines that the undertaking is a type of activity that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties, then the agency has no further obligations under Section 106

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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