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BY EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Audra Dickson, Manager
Wastewater Regulatory Program
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.
Atlanta, GA 30334

**RE: Plant Scherer – NPDES Permit No. GA0035564
Notice of Planned Participation Scherer Unit 4**

Dear Ms. Dickson:

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 423.19(f), Georgia Power Company (the “Company”) submits the following Notice of Planned Participation (“NOPP”) for Plant Scherer Unit 4.

The Plant discharges under NPDES Permit No. GA0035564, currently in the process of renewal. The Company has requested that the next version of the permit include generally applicable effluent limitations for flue gas desulfurization wastewater (“FGDW”) based on 40 C.F.R. § 423.13(g)(1)(i) as well as alternative FGDW limits based on 40 C.F.R. § 423.13(g)(2)(i), for units that will permanently cease coal combustion by December 31, 2028, and based on 40 C.F.R. § 423.13(g)(3)(i), for the Voluntary Incentives Program.

The Company hereby notifies the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (“EPD”) that Plant Scherer Unit 4 intends to permanently cease coal combustion by no later than January 31, 2022 and is eligible for the alternative limits at 40 C.F.R. § 423.13(g)(2)(i).

The Company submits the following information pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 423.19(f)(2):

The electric generating units intended to achieve the permanent cessation of coal combustion:

Plant Scherer Unit 4.

The expected date that each electric generating unit is projected to achieve permanent cessation of coal combustion:

No later than January 31, 2022.

Whether the expected date represents a retirement or a fuel conversion:

Retirement.

The relevant regulatory body:

N/A

Whether each retirement or fuel conversion has been approved by a regulatory body:

The retirement of Scherer Unit 4 does not require approval by the Florida Public Service Commission (“FPSC”). However, as a part of its pending base rate proceeding before the FPSC (Docket No. 20210015-EI), Florida Power & Light (“FPL”), the majority owner of Unit 4, has requested FPSC approval, prior to retirement of the unit and consistent with FPSC Rule 25-6.0436(7)(a), F.A.C., to establish a capital recovery schedule for the unrecovered assets for Scherer Unit 4 to address recovery of the estimated remaining net book value associated with early retirement of the unit. FPSC approval of this request remains pending the outcome of FPL’s base rate proceeding, which is expected in the fourth quarter of 2021.

Documentation supporting that the electric generating unit will permanently cease the combustion of coal by December 31, 2028:

Submissions to the FPSC by the majority owner (FPL) and the co-owner Jacksonville Electric Authority, can be found in the links below:

<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/Files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/TenYearSitePlans/2021/Florida%20Power%20and%20Light%20and%20Gulf%20Power%20Company.pdf> [psc.state.fl.us]

<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/Files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/TenYearSitePlans/2021/JEA.pdf> [psc.state.fl.us]

A timeline to achieve the permanent cessation of coal combustion with interim milestones and the projected dates of completion:

<u>Milestone</u>	<u>Projected Date</u>
Removal of Plant Scherer Unit 4 from commercial operation	January 31, 2022

The Company understands this NOPP to fully satisfy the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 423.19(f), and the Company reserves its ability to submit a later determination of a new compliance pathway if circumstances change with Plant Scherer Unit 4.

If you need additional information or have questions regarding this matter, please contact Dominic Weatherill at 404-506-3348.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron D. Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Aaron" being the most prominent.

Aaron D. Mitchell
Environmental Affairs Director

Cc: Ms. Sarita Banjade, EPD