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<u>Langdale Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2341-033) and Riverview Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2350-025)</u>

Surrender and Decommissioning Proceedings

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Room 1-A – Dockets Room
Washington, DC 20427

#### Dear Secretary Bose:

On behalf of Georgia Power, Southern Company is filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) several documents in the proposed surrender and decommissioning proceedings for the Langdale and Riverview projects. An application to surrender the minor project licenses for the Langdale and Riverview Projects was filed with the Commission on December 18, 2018 and in compliance with the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. §§ 6.1 and 6.2. In the December 18, 2018 filing, Georgia Power also requested designation as the Commission's non-federal representative for consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and authorization to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which the Commission approved on March 8, 2019 and January 24, 2019, respectively. The current Langdale and Riverview Project licenses expire December 31, 2023.

To date Southern Company has made the following filings in these proceedings, which are all available on FERC's e-library:

Filed Document	Filing Date	FERC Accession #	FERC Accession #
		Langdale P-2341	Riverview P-2350
Notice of Intent to Surrender	December 18, 2018	20181218-5451	20181218-5452
Response to FERC Additional	May 24, 2019	20190524-5217	20190524-5216
Information Request &			
Proposed Study Plans			
Revised Study Plans	July 24, 2019	20190724-5109	20190724-5110
Study Progress Report	February 28, 2020	20200228-5222	20200228-5222
Draft Study Reports	September 21, 2021	20200921-5036	20200921-5037
Pre and Post Dam Removal	April 28, 2021	20210428-5120	20210428-5120
Shoal Bass Abundance and			
Tracking Study Plan			
Sediment Testing and	October 19, 2021	20211019-5118	20211019-5118
Sediment Transport			
Assessment Study Plan			

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A list of the documents concurrently filed with this cover letter is provided below. In accordance with FERC regulations found at 18 C.F.R. § 388.112, Georgia Power requests that documents that contain privileged information as noted below be withheld from public disclosure.

- Final Hydraulic and Hydrologic Study Report, Volumes 1-3 (August 2022)
- Final Water Quality Study Report (August 2022)
- Final Potential Effects of Dam Removal on Shoal Bass (August 2022)
- Freshwater Mussel Survey Report (September 2020)
- PRIVILEGED Cultural Resources Studies which include:
  - a. Documentation of Consultation
  - b. Langdale Dam Marine Remote Sensing Study (September 2020)
  - c. Langdale Hydroelectric Generating Project (FERC #2341) and Riverview Hydroelectric Generating Project (FERC #2350), Harris County, Georgia Assessment of Effects for Archaeological Sites 9HS30, 9HS525, 9HS526, 9HS527, 9HS528, 9HS529, 9HS530, 9HS531, 9HS532, and 9HS533 (June 2022)
  - d. Archaeological Survey of 20 Acre Island in the Chattahoochee River, Harris County GA (September 2020)
  - e. Archaeological Testing of Two Sites on the Chattahoochee River, 9HS30 and S9HS31, Harris County, GA (September 2020)
  - f. Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey of the Chattahoochee River, Harris County, GA (September 2020)
- Draft Pre-Dam Removal Shoal Bass Abundance and Tracking Study Report (August 2022)
- Draft Sediment Quality Study Report (August 2022)
- Draft Sediment Transport Assessment Study Report (August 2022)
- Decommissioning Plan (August 2022)
- Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessment (APEA) (August 2022)

Public components of this and all license application filings are available through FERC's e-library website and as requested via email or U.S. mail. A hard copy of the license application is available at the Southern Company street address provided in the letterhead. After September 19, 2022, copies of the public portion of this filing will be available at the H. Grady Bradshaw Library, located at 3419 20th Avenue, Valley, Alabama, 36854, in Chambers County, Alabama, and at the Troup-Harris Regional Library, located at 7511 Georgia Highway 116, Hamilton, Georgia, 31811 in Harris County, Georgia.

Regarding our ongoing agency consultations, in an APEA appendix is an executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct these decommissioning projects in partnership with Georgia Power. Development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with historic resources agencies and Tribes is underway; a draft MOA was provided to the Alabama Historical Commission, the Georgia Historic Preservation Division, and Tribes on July 1, 2022 and Georgia Power is currently incorporating comments and will distribute a revised draft for comment before filing it with the Commission. A Clean Water Act 401 certification request will be filed by September 30, 2022, with copy to the Commission. A preliminary permitting meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers was conducted in June 2022, and the permit drawings for this regulatory process will be filed by the end of 2022.

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If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 404.506.7219 or at cromara@southernco.com

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Chattahoochee Riverkeeper

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Chattahoochee Valley Water Supply District

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City of Valley, Alabama

City of West Point Public Works

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East Alabama Water Sewer and Fire Protection District

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Division of Dam Safety and Inspections

Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Environmental Protection Division

Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Wildlife Resources Division

Georgia Department of Natural Resources - Historic Preservation Division

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Pine Belt Land & Management Alabama

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Stantec

Synovus Trust Saunders Family (TE)

The Conservation Fund

The Nature Conservancy

The Trust for Public Land

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Water Management Section
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District, Real Estate Division
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers West Point Project
- U.S. EPA Region 4 NEPA Program Office
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