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Project Nos. 2341-033 & 2350-025 –
Georgia
Langdale and Riverview Hydroelectric
Projects
Georgia Power Company

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Mr. Herbie Johnson
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Subject: Surrender of License Applications

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is in reference to Surrender of License applications filed on December 18, 2018, for the Langdale Hydroelectric Project No. 2341 and the Riverview Hydroelectric Project No. 2350. You state that neither project has been operational since 2009, and you intend to surrender the licenses for both projects, remove the Riverview Powerhouse, and remove the Riverdale, Crow Hop, and Langdale dams.

Additional information is needed to process your applications. Within 45 days of the date of this letter, we request that you please address the following items:

- (1) The timelines in the applications indicate that decommissioning studies will be completed between Winter and Fall of 2019. Please provide a schedule that identifies the implementation schedule (*e.g.*, study date(s), date(s) results will be filed with the Commission, etc.) for each study. Additionally, for each study, you must specify the objectives, methods, and study area, and provide documentation of consultation with the relevant resources agencies, copies of comments and recommendations, and specific descriptions of how you incorporated the agencies' comments.
- (2) Please identify your efforts to obtain Water Quality Certifications, or waivers, from the State of Georgia and Section 404 determinations from the U.S. Army

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Corps of Engineers for the decommissioning activities associated with the proposed surrenders. Please state the date you filed applications for each of these or when you plan to file them.

- (3) In the Exhibit E of each filing, you identify the reach of the Chattahoochee River between the I-85 Bridge and Lake Harding as the study area for water resources. Please define the study area(s) for all other resources (*e.g.*, wildlife, aesthetics, recreation, historic, and cultural) which may be impacted by the proposed actions.
- (4) A number of issues were raised by commenters responding to the surrender notice issued on January 24, 2019. Do you intend to provide a written response to those concerns? If so, please provide your responses or a schedule of when you anticipate responses will be disseminated.
- (5) In your filings, you state you have and will continue consult with the Alabama and Georgia Historic Preservation Officers (Alabama and Georgia SHPOs) regarding the proposed surrenders pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Please provide an update of your consultation efforts with the Alabama and Georgia SHPOs as the Commission's non-federal representative, and a plan and schedule for the development of an appropriate mitigation mechanism, such as a draft MOA, if needed, to address potential effects on historic and cultural resources.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Dr. Mark Ivy at (202) 502-6156, or by e-mail at mark.ivy@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

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