

July 27, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Notice**  
**WC Docket No. 17-84**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 25, 2018, I participated in a conference call with Jay Schwarz, Chairman Pai's Wireline Advisor, regarding the draft Third Report and Order under consideration in the above-referenced proceeding.

During the conference call, I shared with Mr. Schwarz Georgia Power's deep concern regarding the electric supply space self-help remedy included in the draft order. I stressed to Mr. Schwarz the complexity of the electric distribution system, and how even when Georgia Power allowed the Georgia Department of Transportation ("GDOT") to use our approved contractors for utility relocation on highway projects, it took more than a year to get that process in place. Even with the process in place, each time there is a GDOT project where GDOT contractors will be performing work in the supply space, Georgia Power works with DOT's contractors to get prepared for those projects.

Given Georgia Power's experience, if the Commission is unwilling to reconsider the imposition of a supply space self-help remedy, the Commission should at least issue a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under which proper, detailed protocols and parameters surrounding such a remedy could be developed. This would also allow electric utilities to propose an alternative solution to incentivize expedited supply space make-ready.

I also proposed to Mr. Schwarz that, if the Commission will not reconsider imposing the supply space self-help remedy, it at least further confine the remedy to wireless attachments to reduce the safety and reliability threat.

The positions and data we discussed in our meeting were consistent with the positions and data set forth in the initial comments and reply comments on the NPRM and FNPRM by Southern Company (the parent company to Georgia Power) in the above-referenced proceeding.

This ex parte notification is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allen Bell" followed by a stylized "by NB".

Natalie Beasman  
For Allen Bell  
Distribution Manager  
Georgia Power Company

cc: Jay Schwarz (jay.schwarz@fcc.gov)