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Via Facsimile 404-506-1858 and Via Hand Delivery

Mr. Michael Garrett
President
Mr. Mickey Brown
Executive Vice President
Georgia Power Company
Bin 10240
241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE
Atlanta, GA 30308-3374

RE: Ashford Dunwoody Substation Site

Dear Mr. Garrett and Mr. Brown:

As you know, there is strong neighborhood opposition to Georgia Power's plan to build a substation on Ashford Dunwoody at the entrance to Perimeter Summit. I strongly encourage you to find a solution other than locating a substation at the proposed site.

From a public policy standpoint, I am troubled by the process used to select sites for substations. First, decisions are made unilaterally, with no oversight or direct input from any elected official.

Second, unlike local governments that are subject to the open meeting and record requirements, there is a lack of transparency in the process used by Georgia Power. Citizens should have full access to all technical data, financial analyses, and other information so they are not at a disadvantage in understanding fully how and why Georgia Power makes such decisions.

Third, there are homeowners who will suffer a substantial diminution in property values because of the proximity of the substation to their residences. The process does not compensate for this loss.

I implore you to demonstrate that Georgia Power can and will address these concerns by finding a solution that is acceptable to the citizens in the affected area. You may call me at 404-442-1810 if you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan".

Daniel J. Weber