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SUBJECT: Cobb County – Plant McDonough Ash Ponds 2, 3, 4 (AP-2 and AP-3/4)

Inactive CCR Surface Impoundments

Application Number: APL 0338 Closure Extension Request

GEOS Submittal ID 885489

Dear Ms. Petty:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received a *Request for Closure Extension* on November 8, 2024 for the Plant McDonough Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Ash Ponds 2, 3, and 4 (AP-2 and AP-3/4). In this request, Georgia Power seeks a closure extension of two years in accordance with 40 CFR 102(f)(2)(i)(D) and 40 CFR 257.102(f)(2)(ii)(B).

The Notices of Intent to Initiate Closure, received by EPD, were dated December 7, 2015 and December 8, 2015 for AP-2 and AP-3/4 respectively. AP-2 is being closed by removal of CCR in accordance with 40 CFR.102(c) and combined CCR impoundments AP-3/4 are being consolidated and closed in place in accordance with 40 CFR 257.102(d). CCR removal activities at AP-2 were completed and acknowledged by EPD on October 14, 2020. The Plant McDonough AP-2 and AP-3/4 CCR surface impoundments comprise a greater than 40-acre multi-unit CCR facility. Currently, the closure permit application for McDonough AP-2 and AP-3/4 is under review by EPD.

The request for an extension to compete the closure of Georgia Power's Plant McDonough AP-2 and AP-3/4 is hereby approved. This letter extends Georgia Power's closure deadline for the referenced units by two (2) years from December 7, 2024 until December 7, 2026.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Keith Stevens, Solid Waste Permitting Unit Manager, Solid Waste Management Program, at 470-251-2515 or via email at Keith.Stevens@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely.

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