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VIA EMAIL

Ms. Luciana Ciocci
U.S. Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

**Re: IBEW Support for Georgia Power Company's Grid Resilience and
Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Applications DOE Funding
Opportunity Announcement No. DE-FOE-003195**

Dear Ms. Ciocci:

On behalf of the 820,000 active and retired members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), I am providing this letter in support of Georgia Power Company's recent proposals for the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) program. These projects will provide opportunities for the IBEW workforce at Georgia Power Company and create high-quality union jobs.

Georgia Power seeks DOE assistance to implement new advanced conductor technologies and enhance system resilience and reliability through distribution hardening in multiple disadvantaged communities throughout the state. These plans to harden grid infrastructure will reduce the frequency and duration of outages and meet the needs of the rapidly increasing customer base. IBEW Local Union 84 in Atlanta and Georgia Power have signed agreements guaranteeing the work will benefit qualified, trained IBEW lineworkers and provide pathways for IBEW members in fossil fuel generation to transition into newly posted jobs in line construction.

The IBEW and Georgia Power are longtime partners with common priorities and interests, mutual advocacy, and a strong, collaborative relationship. The IBEW is looking forward to enhancing this partnership with Georgia Power to further the administration's goals of modernizing the country's electrical grid while promoting family-sustaining, professional careers in Georgia. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth W. Cooper".

Kenneth W. Cooper
International President

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