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Subject: Ashley Park - Wansley 500 kV Project Statement of Disparate Treatment, (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy (Georgia)
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RE: Ashley Park - Wansley 500 kV Project
Complainants: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy
Subject Parcel: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy Newnan, GA 30263

STATEMENT OF DISPARATE TREATMENT

We, (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy, owners of (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy, formally charge Georgia Power with discriminatory disparate treatment in its land acquisition and stakeholder engagement process for the Ashley Park - Wansley 500 kV Project.

As of this date, Georgia Power has successfully negotiated and executed voluntary acquisitions for the following properties immediately surrounding us:

- (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy (Directly adjacent - acquired/scheduled for demolition)
- (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy (Acquired/Settled)
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The owners of the aforementioned parcels do not belong to a protected class. We are an African American family. Despite our proactive engagement since October 2025, Georgia Power has systematically ignored our requests for information, refused to provide a case reference number, and excluded us from the buyout opportunities afforded to our non-minority neighbors.

THE WEAPONIZATION OF SILENCE (ADMINISTRATIVE EXHAUSTION)

The historical pattern of using "administrative silence" to displace and exhaust minority landowners is a well-documented tool of systemic exclusion. Georgia Power's refusal to respond to our formal inquiries, while simultaneously settling with every non-protected neighbor in our cluster, is a modern application of this tactic.

Georgia Power recognized the impact on (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy and (b) (6) Privacy. Their refusal to recognize the identical impact on (b) (6) Privacy is a choice rooted in discrimination.

TIMELINE OF COMMUNICATION EFFORTS

To demonstrate the deliberate evasion by Georgia Power and the subsequent administrative exhaustion, we submit the following timeline of our attempts to secure parity with our neighbors:

- **10/2025:** Received initial notification letter from Georgia Power.

- **10/24/2025:** Phone call from Georgia Power ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy), Senior Counsel) – communications initiated by us.
- **11/11/2025:** Sent follow-up email to ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy) (No response).
- **11/23/2025:** Survey stakes appeared on our property lines ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy) and those of our surrounding neighbors.
- **12/11/2025:** Sent second follow-up email to ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy) (No response).
- **1/6/2026:** Began contacting GA Eminent Domain/Inverse Claim Law Firms. Denied representation by three attorneys ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy) due to the lack of an official eminent domain letter from Georgia Power.
- **1/7/2026:** Emailed Georgia Power with a 7-business-day demand for follow-up before escalating to the Georgia Public Service Commission.
- **1/14/2026:** Phone consultation with lawyer ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy), who advised he could not take the case unless Georgia Power explicitly stated they would take our house.
- **1/15/2026:** Submitted formal complaint to the Georgia Public Service Commission online portal.
- **1/20/2026 - 1/28/2026:** Phone consultation with lawyer ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy), who did not follow up with further guidance as promised despite our continuous efforts.
- **2/1/2026:** Georgia Power updated homeowners via a flyer stating the project start was pushed to 2027.
- **2/26/2026:** Sent email to ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy), who referred us to ((b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy) who subsequently referred us back to the GPSC.
- **2/26/2026:** Sent Ashley Park Georgia Power complaint on online portal.
- **2/27/2026:** Complaint sent to Georgia Public Service Commission (GPSC) online form and email.

To date, no representative has communicated with us to provide an opportunity to make an informed decision on our options, while our immediate neighbors have been bought out and are relocating.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT

By settling with our neighbors and leaving us as a "residential island" in a 500 kV corridor, Georgia Power is effectively condemning our property without compensation. The utility is forcing a minority family to live in an environment already deemed "uninhabitable" for our neighbors, exposing us to:

- **Permanent Visual and Auditory Blight:** The "corona hum" and tower proximity.
- **Environmental Degradation:** The destruction of our mature pine buffer.
- **Economic Erasure:** Rendering our primary residential asset unmarketable.

Under the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601) and Executive Order 12898, utility projects must not result in disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations. The "exhaustion game" currently being played by the legal and ROW teams (specifically (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy) is a direct violation of the spirit of these laws.

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION AND DEMAND FOR PARITY

We will no longer be ignored. We have formally requested that HUD, the DOJ Civil Rights Division, and now the EPA External Civil Rights Compliance Office open an immediate investigation into the discriminatory land acquisition practices of Georgia Power regarding the Ashley Park - Wansley route.

Furthermore, we demand from Georgia Power:

1. **Immediate inclusion** in the voluntary acquisition program at Fair Market Value, consistent with the offers made to our neighbors.
2. A written **explanation** for why our parcel was excluded from the cluster buyout while being physically marked with survey ribbons by utility contractors.

We eagerly await your confirmation of receipt and the initiation of your investigation into these discriminatory practices.

Sincerely,

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