

Staff Report

Subject: Georgia Power Underground Easement for the Central High School Construction Project

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Department: Procurement, Engineering

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Item Description: Consideration to approve an Underground Easement in favor of Georgia Power Company for installation, operation, and maintenance of underground electrical distribution facilities serving the Central High School Construction Project, located at 434 Wallace Drive, Springfield, Georgia.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Georgia Power Underground Easement to allow installation and long-term maintenance of underground electrical infrastructure necessary to provide permanent electrical service to the Central High School campus.

Executive Summary / Background:

Georgia Power has requested that Effingham County grant an Underground Easement across County-owned property located at **434 Wallace Drive** in connection with permanent electrical service improvements for the Central High School Construction Project. The easement grants Georgia Power the right to construct, operate, inspect, maintain, repair, replace, and access underground electrical distribution facilities, including transformers, conduits, cables, service pedestals, and related equipment necessary to provide electric service to the site.

Exhibit A identifies the proposed underground distribution route, transformer location, and associated modifications to existing overhead electrical facilities on the County-owned property. The accompanying transmittal letter confirms the execution requirements for the easement by the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, including corporate signatures, witness, notary, and corporate seal.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the Georgia Power Underground Easement.
2. Do not approve.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Engineering

Funding Source: Capital Improvement Budget

Attachments:

- Georgia Power Underground Easement
- Exhibit A – Easement Location Map (LIMS #2026050472)
- Georgia Power Execution Instructions