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DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

January 15, 2014

Via E-mail

Michael L. Smith
President and Chief Executive Officer
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**Re: Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Registration Statement on Form S-3
Filed December 19, 2013
File No. 333-192954**

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to those issues we have addressed in our comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your registration statement and providing the requested information. Where you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your registration statement and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Exhibit 5.1. Opinion of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP

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1. We note that counsel has limited the scope of this opinion to the “contract law” of Georgia. For offerings of debt securities, a legal opinion must address whether the securities will be binding obligations of the registrant. Such an opinion necessarily encompasses the opinion that the registrant is validly existing, has the power to create the obligation, and has taken the required steps to authorize entering into the obligation. The included opinions appear to go beyond the scope of “contract law.” Please provide us with an analysis as to why counsel believes that this qualification is necessary and appropriate and why counsel does not believe that the qualification detracts from counsel’s binding obligation opinion. Alternatively, please remove the “contract law” qualification in counsel’s opinion. See Sections II.B.1.e and II.B.3.a of Staff Legal Bulletin No. 19, available on our website.

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We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

Please contact Dean Brazier, Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3485 or me at (202) 551-3720 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mara L. Ransom

Mara Ransom
Assistant Director

cc: Harry S. Pangas