



When Atlanta welcomed the world for a historic summer of soccer, the spotlight naturally fell on the matches, the fans, and the energy throughout the city. Behind that experience was another story: hundreds of Georgia Power employees preparing, coordinating, and staying ready to respond so the city could put its best foot forward.

Across grid operations, reliability, emergency preparedness, lighting, and community service, our employees played a critical role in preparing Atlanta for this moment. Their work began more than a year before the first team took the field, and it continued long after the last match ended.

Preparation, Not a Single Project but a Companywide Mindset

To prepare for the World Cup, our employees examined the electric system serving the region, strengthened operational plans, and coordinated with public agencies and community partners. That early preparation allowed us to identify needs, position resources, and build the relationships required for a unified response.

The scale of the work was significant. Georgia Power inspected 29 substations and more than 275 miles of power lines. Reliability team members conducted more than 800 drone flights, totaling more than 80 hours of inspection time. During the tournament, approximately 400 employees, along with additional equipment, were strategically positioned across the region to support operations and respond quickly if needed.

Partnership Turned Preparation into Readiness

An event of this scale demands coordination beyond any one organization. Georgia Power worked closely with the City of Atlanta, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, local law enforcement, emergency management officials, and other stakeholders.

In similar fashion, our partnership with local and county officials supports readiness in regions across the state.

The comparison to soccer is fitting. Success is rarely the result of one individual effort. It comes from people understanding their roles, trusting their teammates, and executing a shared plan. That was true on the field, and it was equally true behind the scenes.

A Stronger Grid Supported a Seamless Experience

The World Cup didn't write Georgia's energy reliability story—it revealed what years of investment, preparation, partnership, and employee commitment can accomplish. Atlanta's major event venues experienced uninterrupted power service during the monthlong event.

That performance was supported by long-term investments made for customers across Georgia. Over the last three years, Georgia Power has invested \$1.3 billion in grid improvements approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission. The work has included infrastructure upgrades such as self-healing network technology, which can detect disruptions, isolate damaged sections, and reroute power in seconds, reducing both the number and duration of outages.

While investments matter during major events, their value extends well beyond them, creating a stronger, smarter grid that helps us serve 2.7 million customers every day and during extraordinary moments alike.

The Lasting Lesson Is About People

As the world arrived in Atlanta to see the world's best teams perform, our employees were putting on a championship performance on their own. Lineworkers, engineers, system operators, technology specialists, support teams, volunteers, and partners demonstrated that excellence is built through preparation and promise.

As Georgia continues to welcome future significant opportunities, Georgia Power will keep strengthening the grid, investing in technology that improves reliability, and building trusted partnerships to support every second. Most of all, we will continue developing and supporting the people who make reliable service possible.

Long after the final whistle, we're celebrating the dedication and teamwork that helped power Georgia's moment in the spotlight—and for all the moments yet to come.