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Docket No. 42744

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In Re: Notice of Inquiry on Georgia Senate Bill

**DOCUMENT# 187228**

### ORDER APPROVING COST ALLOCATION MANUALS

#### I. Background

Habersham Electric Membership Corporation and Trailwave Fiber, Inc. (collectively, "Habersham EMC/Trailwave") filed a cost allocation manual ("CAM") on November 20, 2020.

On December 16, 2020, Georgia Windstream, LLC, Windstream Accucomm Telecommunications, LLC, Windstream Georgia Communications, LLC, Windstream Georgia Telephone, LLC, Windstream Georgia, LLC, Windstream Standard, LLC, and their associated affiliates (collectively, "Windstream") filed its "Specific Concerns with the Cost Allocation Manual of Habersham EMC and Trailwave Fiber, Inc." ("Pleading") In its Pleading, Windstream asserts that "The CAM offers no detail as to what formulae or methodologies will be applied to allocated costs, nor is it a 'manual' that an independent accountant can reasonably determine whether those formulae have been reasonably applied as described." Pleading, p. 3.

Tri-County EMC and Tri-County Service Center, Inc. ("Tri-County EMC/Tri-County SC") filed a CAM on March 4, 2021 and Altamaha Electric Membership Corporation and Altamaha Fiber, LLC ("Altamaha EMC/Altamaha Fiber") filed a CAM on March 29, 2021. These two CAMS are similar in the methodology and level of detail as the CAM filed by Habersham.

After discussions between the Staff and Habersham EMC/Trailwave, Tri-County EMC/Tri-County SC, and Altamaha EMC/Altamaha Fiber, the companies all filed revised CAMs. Habersham EMC/Trailwave filed its revised CAM on July 23, 2021, Tri-County

EMC/Tri-County SC filed its revised CAM on July 28, 2021, and Altamaha EMC/Altamaha Fiber filed its revised CAM on July 29, 2021.

**II. Staff Recommendation**

The Staff reviewed the revised CAMs filed by Habersham EMC/Trailwave, Tri-County EMC/Tri-County SC, and Altamaha EMC/Altamaha Fiber and found the revised CAMs to be sufficiently detailed and the allocation methods contained therein to be acceptable. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the revised CAMs.

**III. Commission Decision**

The Commission adopts the Staff's recommendation for the reasons stated therein.

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**WHEREFORE, it is**

**ORDERED**, that the revised CAM filed by Habersham EMC/Trailwave on July 23, 2021 is hereby approved.


**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the revised CAM filed by Tri-County EMC/Tri-County SC on July 28, 2021 is hereby approved.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the revised CAM filed by Altamaha EMC/Altamaha Fiber on July 29, 2021 is hereby approved.


**ORDERED FURTHER**, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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