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- Docket No. 4822: Capacity and Energy Payments to Cogenerators under PURPA**
Docket No. 16573: Georgia Power Company's Green Energy Program
Docket No. 19279: Biomass Gas & Electric, LLC's Petition to Establish Docket Regarding Forsyth County Renewable Energy Plant

ORDER APPROVING NEGOTIATED CONTRACT BETWEEN ALLIGATOR CREEK SOLAR AND GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

In a January 13, 2022, Order, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") approved a motion by Chairman Pridemore which approved the negotiated contract between Competitive Power Ventures Stagecoach Solar, LLC ("CPV Stagecoach") and Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") and further required that "absent an approved procedure otherwise, all future QF PPAs after Stagecoach that include reimbursement to the QF for any interconnection or delivery network upgrade be brought before the Commission for determination of whether such identified costs should be the responsibility of the QF or should be reimbursed and passed on to all ratepayers."

At the April 5, 2022, Administrative Session, Chairman Pridemore made the following motion:

I move that the Heelstone Alligator Creek PPA be approved as presented, which is very similar to the way we handled the prior Heelstone contracts in this docket. Regarding treatment of the interconnection costs, Heelstone will pay upfront the Network Upgrades related to Interconnection, which will be reimbursed by Georgia Power as provided in the PPA. Georgia Power will fund the Network Upgrades related to Delivery. The costs covered by Georgia Power as well as those reimbursed to Heelstone shall be included in rate base for Georgia Power. As the PPA reflects, all the energy output generated by the Alligator Creek facility will be sold to Georgia Power so that it serves Georgia Power customers and the state of Georgia for the expected term of the PPA. If Heelstone terminates the Alligator Creek PPA early, they will repay Georgia Power for the Network Upgrades pro rata for the remaining outstanding balance, and that repayment shall be credited to Georgia Power's customers.

To be clear, by approving this Alligator Creek PPA, we are not setting a precedent regarding the treatment of interconnection and delivery network upgrade costs going forward. Last time we had a QF PPA before us, my motion provided that until Commission Staff and the Company finalized the state jurisdictional QF interconnection procedures, all future QF PPAs that included reimbursement of Network Upgrade costs had to be brought before the Commission. I appreciate that the parties have done that here. I understand that Commission Staff and Georgia Power will jointly request Commission review and approval of the state jurisdictional QF interconnection procedures in the next Energy Committee cycle. We look forward to reviewing those procedures at that time.

This motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.

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WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the negotiated Alligator Creek Solar, LLC Power Purchase Agreement is hereby approved subject to the terms of Chairman Pridemore's motion.

ORDERED FURTHER, that Commission Staff and Georgia Power Company will jointly request Commission review and approval of the state jurisdictional QF interconnection procedures in the next Energy Committee cycle.

ORDERED FURTHER, that all findings, conclusions, statements, and directives made by the Commission and contained in the foregoing sections of this Order are hereby adopted as findings of fact, conclusions of law, statements of regulatory policy, and orders of this Commission.

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

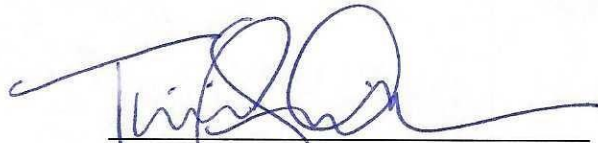
ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission at its Administrative Session on the 5th day of April 2022.



Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

4/14/22
Date



Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

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