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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** **Qualifying Facility Interconnection PROCEDURES AND INTERCONNECTION Agreement Documents**

In a March 11, 2021 Order, the Georgia Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approved an executed stipulation between Commission Staff (“Staff”) and Georgia Power Company (“Georgia Power” and “Company”) as well as the requirement that qualifying facilities (“QF”) continue to pay their total reasonable interconnection costs and that modifications to the transmission system, (Network Upgrade Costs) that are required in order to facilitate the QF’s interconnection be refunded (100%) back to the QF since these upgrades benefit the system and therefore customers with improved grid reliability.

The March 11, 2021 Order approved the QF Standard Offer contracts as well as the process for a QF pursuing a Small Generator Interconnection Agreement (“SGIA”), Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (“LGIA”) or interconnection with an Integrated Transmission System (“ITS”) participant. For the approved QF Standard Offer contracts, the pro-forma provisions were to be further negotiated by the parties to include the total reasonable cost of the QF’s interconnection. Georgia Power would then submit the negotiated contract to Staff at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the contract to afford Staff the opportunity to review the contract and determine whether any modification to the standard form had been made that is material enough to require separate Commission approval. Absent any contrary indication by Staff within 15 days after the Company’s submission, the contract would be “deemed certified.”

In a January 13, 2022 Order, the Commission ordered that Georgia Power and the Commission's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (“EERE”) and Electric Staff work to finalize the state jurisdictional QF interconnection procedures so that they specify the recommended reimbursement of interconnection and delivery network upgrade costs to QFs, including the appropriate reimbursement for network upgrades that are included in the Company's ten-year plan. If the Company and Staff could not agree on the state jurisdictional QF procedures, any disagreement would be brought back before the Commission for future consideration.

Georgia Power and Staff worked together to finalize the state jurisdictional QF interconnection procedures and interconnection agreement templates so that they specify the recommended reimbursement of interconnection and delivery related network upgrade costs to QFs, including the appropriate reimbursement for network upgrades that are included in the Company’s ten-year plan.

On April 8, 2022, at the request of the Commission, Georgia Power filed its state jurisdictional QF Transmission Generator Interconnection Procedures (“TGIP”), QF Distribution Generator Interconnection Procedures (“DGIP”), and corresponding Transmission QF Interconnection Agreement (“QFIA”) and Distribution QFIA templates.

At the request of the Commission, Georgia Power, the Georgia Large Scale Solar Association (“GLSSA”), and the Georgia Solar Energy Industries Association (“GASEIA”) met to resolve issues the parties had with the proposed QFIA documents and potential adverse impacts to current Utility Scale and distributed generation (“DG”) projects that are part of a Georgia Power renewable program. In order to reach a resolution, the parties agreed to a Term Sheet (Attachment A) for existing Utility Scale Power Purchase Agreements (“PPAs”) and interconnection agreements in the Large Scale Solar (“LSS”) program, Advanced Solar Initiative (“ASI”), ASI-Prime, Renewable Energy Development Initiative (“REDI”) and REDI II and for existing DG interconnection agreements in ASI, ASI-Prime, REDI I, REDI II, and the 2020 DG Request For Proposals (“RFP”). The Term Sheet was provided to Staff for review.

Also, Georgia Power in agreement with Heelstone Renewable Energy, LLC (“Heelstone”) and Competitive Power Ventures (“CPV") Stagecoach proposed language that exempted Heelstone and CPV Stagecoach’s QF projects from the QFIA procedures. Georgia Power, Heelstone and CPV Stagecoach agreed on the following language:

*Notwithstanding the approval of these new QFIA Procedures, the Commission affirms that the prior orders entered in this Docket on March 11, 2021, January 13, 2022, and April 14, 2022 with respect to the Competitive Power Ventures (“CPV”) “Stagecoach” project and the five existing “Heelstone Projects,” known as (1) Bird Dog Solar, LLC; (2) Blackwater Solar, LLC; (3) Hobnail Solar, LLC; (4) Wolfskin Solar, LLC; and (5) Alligator Creek Solar, LLC, shall remain in full force and effect. This order approving Georgia Power’s State-Jurisdictional Qualifying Facility Interconnection Procedures and QFIA templates does not alter or amend the decisions reached by the Commission with respect to the CPV Stagecoach or Heelstone Projects. All six (6) of these QF projects identified above have executed PPAs and have already undergone the required initial study by Georgia Power such that none of these QF projects will need to submit a new QF Interconnection Request, nor be subject to a new Interconnection Queue Position. Heelstone and CPV can proceed towards commercial operation pursuant to the terms of its executed PPAs and LGIAs.*

At the May 17, 2022 Administrative Session, Staff recommended approval of the state jurisdictional QF interconnection procedures and interconnection agreement templates and that any modifications or updates to these procedures or templates made as a matter of routine business practice should be posted on Georgia Power’s website. Staff recommended that the Commission adopt the provisions contained in the Term Sheet agreed to by Georgia Power, GLSSA, and GASEIA. Staff also recommended that the Commission include the language proposed by Georgia Power, Heelstone and CPV Stagecoach in its Order for this matter.

At the May 17, 2022 Administrative Session Commissioner Echols offered the following motion:

*I move that we adopt the Staff recommendation, and I move that we set the term for DG for 35 years.*

The Commission approved Staff’s recommendation as amended by the Echols motion at the May 17, 2022 Administrative Session.

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**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** that Georgia Power Company’s state jurisdictional Qualifying Facility Transmission Generator Interconnection Procedures, Qualifying Facility Distribution Generator Interconnection Procedures, and corresponding Transmission Qualifying Facility Interconnection Agreement and Distribution Qualifying Facility Interconnection Agreement templates are hereby approved.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that any modifications or updates to these procedures or templates made as a matter of routine business practice shall be posted on Georgia Power Company’s website.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the provisions contained in the Term Sheet (attached hereto as Attachment A) are hereby approved for existing Utility Scale Power Purchase Agreements and interconnection agreements in the Large Scale Solar program, Advanced Solar Initiative, Advanced Solar Initiative-Prime, Renewable Energy Development Initiative and Renewable Energy Development Initiative II and for existing distributed generation interconnection agreements in Advanced Solar Initiative, Advanced Solar Initiative-Prime, Renewable Energy Development Initiative I, Renewable Energy Development Initiative II, and the 2020 distributed generation Request For Proposals.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the native load designations and program interconnection agreements for existing distributed generation interconnection agreements in Advanced Solar Initiative, Advanced Solar Initiative-Prime, Renewable Energy Development Initiative I, Renewable Energy Development Initiative II, and the 2020 distributed generation Request For Proposals, may be extended for up to 35 years.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that notwithstanding the approval of these new QFIA Procedures, the Commission affirms that the prior orders entered in this Docket on March 11, 2021, January 13, 2022, and April 14, 2022 with respect to the Competitive Power Ventures (“CPV”) “Stagecoach” project and the five existing “Heelstone Projects,” known as (1) Bird Dog Solar, LLC; (2) Blackwater Solar, LLC; (3) Hobnail Solar, LLC; (4) Wolfskin Solar, LLC; and (5) Alligator Creek Solar, LLC, shall remain in full force and effect. This order approving Georgia Power’s State-Jurisdictional Qualifying Facility Interconnection Procedures and QFIA templates does not alter or amend the decisions reached by the Commission with respect to the CPV Stagecoach or Heelstone Projects. All six (6) of these QF projects identified above have executed PPAs and have already undergone the required initial study by Georgia Power such that none of these QF projects will need to submit a new QF Interconnection Request, nor be subject to a new Interconnection Queue Position. Heelstone and CPV can proceed towards commercial operation pursuant to the terms of its executed PPAs and LGIAs.

**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 this matter 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 in Administrative Session on the 17thday of May, 2022.

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