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**IN RE: GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S 2020 DISTRIBUTED GENERATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATION**

## ORDER APPROVING ELEVENTH GROUP OF POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

On September 8, 2020, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") approved Georgia Power Company's ("Georgia Power" or "Company") 2020 Distributed Generation ("DG") Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Solar Photovoltaic Generation ("2020 DG RFP") documents in Docket No. 43085. As approved by the Commission in its Order Adopting Stipulation as Amended in Docket No. 42310 ("Final IRP Order") regarding Georgia Power's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan, the 2020 DG RFP was designed to procure 160 megawatts ("MW") of DG solar photovoltaic resources sized greater than 1 kilowatt ("kW") up to 3 MW alternating current ("AC") through a market-based solicitation.

To qualify for this program, a project must be a fixed-tilt or tracking solar photovoltaic DG resource. Each project must interconnect to a Georgia Power distribution circuit. The price for the solar output, plus the project's interconnection costs, must not exceed the Company's long-term Projected Avoided Cost. Bid pricing may be levelized over the entire PPA Term or escalate each annual Period. Developers can elect a project term of 15, 20, 25, or 30 years.

On May 10, 2022 the Commission ordered that bidders in Georgia Power Company's 2020 DG RFP were to be allowed to buy down the interconnection costs for their projects such that the projects provide a total net benefit. In cases where such bidders agreed to such a buy-down of interconnection costs, Georgia Power recalculated bidder-specific interconnection costs adjustments by reducing the interconnection costs by the amount the bidder agreed to buy down.

Georgia Power and its counterparties executed the eleventh group of 2020 DG RFP power purchase agreements ("PPAs"), consisting of two projects, the effectiveness of which is subject to the Commission's approval. Georgia Power filed its eleventh request which included Attachment 1, a spreadsheet that included project-specific information for each PPA counterparty and facility. The terms and conditions of these PPAs are pro forma and incorporate the modifications that the Commission approved on September 13, 2021. In its filing, Georgia Power requested that the 2020 DG RFP PPAs be deemed certified because the need for these new resources was sourced from a need identified in the Final IRP Order.

Commission Staff ("Staff") reviewed and recommended approval of the Company's request that the eleventh group of 2020 DG RFP PPAs be deemed certified. The Commission approved Staff's recommendation at the November 17, 2022 Administrative Session.

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**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** that the Power Purchase Agreements listed in Attachment 1 of Georgia Power Company's November 7, 2022 filing are hereby approved and deemed certified.

**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 17th day of November, 2022.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

11-22-22
Date

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

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Date