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IN RE: GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE CUSTOMER PROGRAM PILOT TARIFFS

ORDER APPROVING DEMAND RESPONSE CREDIT (DRC-1) TARIFF, RESILIENCY ASSET SERVICE (RAS-1) TARIFF, AND RAS SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MODIFICATION

On December 8, 2022, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") filed the Demand Response Credit (DRC-1) tariff, Resiliency Asset Service (RAS-1) tariff and RAS Service Agreement for Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") approval. In Docket No. 44160, as approved by the Commission in its July 29, 2022 Order Adopting Stipulation in Georgia Power's 2022 Integrated Resource Plan ("2022 IRP Order"), the Distributed Energy Resource ("DER") Customer Program Pilot will provide resiliency and demand reduction services for participating commercial and industrial customers. As stipulated in the 2022 IRP Order,

> *"This program will be approved on a pilot basis with an overall cap of 250 MW. The tariffs and associated contract terms and conditions shall be designed in a manner that will eliminate, to the extent reasonably possible, any potential that non-participating customers will be harmed. Within four months following the issuance of the Commission's Order approving this Stipulation, the Company will collaborate with the Commercial Group and Staff on the development of these elements in the DER pilot program tariffs. Following this collaboration, the*

Company shall file the DRC-1 and RAST-1 tariffs for Commission approval. The Stipulating Parties preserve their right to argue for modifications to the tariffs when they are filed for approval. The Commission finds that approval of a pilot program will provide parties the opportunity to examine and compare any benefits or detriments of the program before deciding whether to make the program permanent."

In compliance with the 2022 IRP Order, the Company met with Commission Staff ("Staff") and representatives from the Commercial Group and the Coalition of Local Governments to discuss the DER Pilot Program tariff design. At the conclusion of this collaboration, the Company filed its request for Commission approval of the DRC-1, RAS-1 and RAS Service Agreement.

The DER Pilot Program consists of two separate services. RAS, referred to previously as "RAST," will provide resiliency service to participating customers through the installation and operation of a Company-owned DER behind the customer's meter. This DER is used to provide sustained service to the customer during periods of system outage. Charges for service under RAS-1 are in addition to charges under the customer's standard electric service tariff.

DRC will allow a customer already participating in RAS tariff to earn bill credits for demand reduction achieved through utilization of the Company-owned DER. A customer will receive credits on their electric bill in exchange for reduction of the customer's electric demand through the Company's control of the DER during periods of extreme supply and demand conditions.

To be eligible to participate in RAS, a customer's premises must have a minimum annual peak load of 200 kilowatts ("kW"). To be eligible to participate in DRC, a customer must be participating in RAS and contract with the Company to provide, upon the Company's request, at least 1,000 kW of demand reduction. Multiple accounts under the same corporate ownership may be combined to meet the 1,000 kW demand reduction. However, DRC is not available to customers taking service on Fixed Pricing Alternative ("FPA"), Electric Arc Furnace ("EAF"), Demand Plus Energy Credit ("DPEC"), and Time of Use – Supplier Choice ("TOU-SC").

Customers on RAS-1 must enter into an RAS Service Agreement and are responsible for levelized capital, operating costs, and fuel costs over the term of the Agreement. This customer may also be responsible for Termination Fees for termination or non-renewal of the RAS Service Agreement, prior to the full recovery of capital costs for the DER installation.

Customers on DRC-1 must enter into a DER DRC Customer Agreement and will be billed an administrative fee of $120 per month. The customer must agree to a Non-Firm Demand Level ("NDL"), which is the demand level that the customer agrees to reduce via a DER during a demand response event. In return, the customer will receive demand reductions credits equal to the product of the NDL and Credit Value as specified in the DER DRC Customer Agreement.

Staff worked with the Company throughout the development of the DER Customer Program Pilot tariffs and service agreement and raised concerns regarding potential impacts to non-participating customers.

Staff reviewed the Company's December 8, 2022 application for approval of its DERC program pilot tariffs DRC-1 and RAS-1 and RAS Service Agreement and recommended approval with one proposed modification:

"The Company should be required to identify pilot related costs that are included as part of the Annual Surveillance Report such that any potential impacts to non-participants of the pilot can be determined."

The Commission approved Staff's recommendation at the January 17, 2023 Administrative Session.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Georgia Power Company's December 8, 2022 application for approval of its Demand Response Credit (DRC-1) Tariff, Resiliency Asset Service (RAS-1) Tariff, and RAS Service Agreement, as amended by Commission Staff's recommendation, is hereby approved.

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 January, 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

1-24-23
Date

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

1/24/23
Date