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**IN RE:**

**Regulated Provider of Natural Gas: 2021-2024** ) **Docket No. 43404**

## Order approving SCANA Energy's 17th Request for Disbursement for January 2023 Payments to the Regulated Provider from the Universal Service Fund for Group-1 Customers

Thi5 matter comes before the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") as a result of SCANA Energy Marketing, LLC. ("SCANA Energy") filing their monthly Request for Universal Service Fund ("USF") Disbursement pursuant to paragraph 18.1(3) of the Consent Order.

On July 6, 2021, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its Consent Order in the above-styled docket. The Consent Order detailed the terms and conditions under which SCANA should serve as the 2021-2023 Regulated Provider. The Consent Order provided for recovery for SCANA Energy, as Regulated Provider, for bad debt of Group-1 customers; and the Commission authorized a methodology for payment of bad debt to SCANA Energy (Consent Order, ¶18). On April 22, 2022, the 2021-2023 Regulated Provider Term was extended by the Commission until August 31, 2024.

On January 5, 2023, SCANA Energy, as the Regulated Provider, reported a total Group-1 customer count of 11,427. Pursuant to Paragraph 18.1 of the Consent Order, SCANA Energy shall receive one-twelfth (1/12) of $57 or $4.75 per Group-1 customer for bad debt recovery (Consent Order, ¶18.1). The multiplication of SCANA Energy's Group-1 customer count by the $4.75, totals to $54,278.25. In accordance with ¶18.1 of the

Consent Order, the Commission authorizes a payment of $54,278.25 from the Universal Service Fund (USF) to SCANA Energy for January 2022.

The monthly Group-1 customer count was verified using Atlanta Gas Light's ("AGL") monthly market share filing. Staff compared the total customer count of Group-1 and Group-2 customers listed by AGL to SCANA Energy's monthly total of Group-1 and Group-2 customers (Consent Order, ¶18.2). SCANA Energy listed the Group-2 customer count for January 2022 at 18,013 and the combined Group-1 and Group-2 customer total for January 2022 at 29,440. Staff found these numbers to be consistent with AGL's January 2022 market share filing for the Regulated Provider.

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**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED** that the Commission hereby approves a payment of $54,278.25 from the USF to SCANA Energy based on a reported total of 11,427 Group-1 customer count.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that the Commission retains the right to audit the customer counts for both Group 1 and Group 2 utilizing the records of the Regulated Provider, Atlanta Gas Light Company, the Department of Human Services and any other relevant information or documentation.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** nothing in this order shall be construed to be inconsistent with the terms of the Consent Order.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that jurisdiction over this proceeding is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as this Commission deem proper.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** any motion for reconsideration, rehearing, or oral argument shall not stay the effectiveness of this order unless expressly ordered by the Commission.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 7th day of February, 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

2-13-23
Date

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

2-13-23
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