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

ORDER APPROVING 2020 DG RFP ADDITIONAL SUM REQUEST

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 ("2019 IRP Final 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.

On May 10, 2022, the Commission ordered that bidders in Georgia Power'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.

On March 27, 2023, Georgia Power filed its final list of executed Power Purchase

Agreements ("PPAs") between Georgia Power and the winning bidders in 2020 DG RFP. In this filing, the Company also requested an additional sum. The 2020 DG RFP's final portfolio consists of 37 projects totaling approximately 89 MW. Between September 24, 2021, and December 20, 2022, Georgia Power submitted fourteen requests to the Commission, seeking certification of 42 executed PPAs from the 2020 DG RFP. However, after receiving Commission approval, 5 PPAs were subsequently terminated pursuant to Section 16(b)(iii) of the PPA.

Pursuant to the Commission's 2019 IRP Final Order, Georgia Power is allowed an additional sum of 8.5% of the levelized projected net benefits for the DG solar projects procured through the 2020 DG RFP. Specifically, paragraph 7 of the stipulation approved by the Commission in its 2019 IRP Final Order states:

> 7. The Additional Sum for utility scale resources procured pursuant to Paragraph 3 above and the DG resources in Paragraph 5 shall be set at 8.5% of the projected net benefits. This amount shall be levelized and recovered annually for the term of the PPA.

In its filing, Georgia Power requested an additional sum for 29 of the 37 2020 DG RFP projects, which totals to a levelized amount of $69,375 per year for a term of 30 years. No additional sum was requested for the 8 projects that agreed to a buy-down of bid interconnection costs as those projects were equal to the Company's avoided cost cap. Georgia Power provided project-specific information to support its additional sum request to Commission Staff ("Staff") for review.

Staff reviewed the Company's net benefit analysis and additional sum calculation and recommended approval of the Company's request. The Commission approved Staff's recommendation at the April 4, 2023 Administrative Session.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Georgia Power Company's request for a 2020 Distributed Generation Request for Proposals levelized additional sum amount of $69,375 per year for a term of 30 years 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 4th day of April, 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

4-18-23
Date

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

4/18/23
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