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

Corrected Order Approving SCANA Energy's 19th Request for Disbursement for March 2023 Payments to the Regulated Provider from the Universal Service Fund for Group-1 Customers

This 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 March 3, 2023, SCANA Energy, as the Regulated Provider, reported a total Group-1 customer count of 11,354. 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 $53,931.50. In accordance with ¶18.1 of the

Consent Order, the Commission authorizes a payment of $53,931.50 from the Universal Service Fund (USF) to SCANA Energy for March 2023.

The Staff recommendation presented at the March 21, 2023 Administrative Session inadvertently contained the wrong amount of $54,931.50 thus causing the Commission to approve an incorrect disbursement amount. Therefore, this Order contains the corrected amount and supersedes the previously approved Order.

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 March 2023 at 18,065 and the combined Group-1 and Group-2 customer total for March 2023 at 29,419. Staff found these numbers to be consistent with AGL's March 2023 market share filing for the Regulated Provider.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves a payment of $53,931.50 from the USF to SCANA Energy based on a reported total of 11,354 Group-1 customer count.

ORDERED FURTHER, the previously approved amount of $54,931.50 was incorrect and is superseded by this current corrected Order approving a disbursement amount of $53,931.50.

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 16th day of May 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

6-1-23
Date

Tricia Pridemore
Chairman

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