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IN RE: GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S 2022 RATE CASE.

ORDER APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2023 COMMUNITY CHARGER PLAN

On May 8, 2023, the Company filed its first Plan, identifying eleven (11) locations for the placement of electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations as part of Georgia Power's Community Charging Program in accordance with Docket 44280 Georgia Power Company's ("GPC" or "Company") 2022 Rate Case. The Electric Transportation Term Sheet ("Term Sheet") attached to the Stipulation in Georgia Power's 2022 Rate Case and approved by the Commission on December 30, 2022, allowed interested parties to comment on the Plan within thirty (30) days of filing.

Figure 1. Original Eleven (11) Proposed EV Charging Stations

Number	Proposed Location	City	County	Zip Code
1	US84 & S Tennille Ave	Donalsonville	Seminole	39845
2	Blakely Street & Central Street	Cuthbert	Randolph	39840
3	US 280 & Broad St	Richland	Stewart	31825
4	US 82 & Main St	Georgetown	Quitman	39854
5	E Washington & US 27	Summerville	Chattooga	30747
6	US 19 & US41	Griffin	Spalding	30223
7	US 19 & Adderton St	Americus	Sumter	31719
8	US 341 & Hwy 280	McRae-Helena	Telfair	31055
9	US 341 & Houston St	Hawkinsville	Pulaski	31036
10	Peach St & US 84	Homerville	Clinch	31634

11	US 84 & Main St	Blackshear	Pierce	31516
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On June 7, 2023, American's for Affordable Clean Energy ("AACE") filed Comments on the Company's Plan. The Company's Plan and Term Sheet set forth general parameters of the Program's operation, and AACE's comments identified certain issues concerning implementation. On July 10, 2023 the Company filed a response to AACE's Comments. The issues addressed in the Comments include:

- a. **Replacement locations** – The Term Sheet provides an annual budget of \$3 million for the program, and a stipulation that any proposed location is subject to a 60-day Right of First Refusal ("ROFR") process.
- b. **Eligibility** – AACE noted that proposed Location 11 (Blackshear) in Pierce County is a Tier 3 Tax Credit county according to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") 2022 Job Tax Credit Tier map ("2022 DCA Map"). This is true, however, according to updated maps by the DCA, Pierce County is now defined as a Tier 2 county in accordance with the DCA 2023 Job Tax Credit Tier map ("2023 DCA Map").
- c. **15-mile restriction** – The Company supported AACE's recommendation to measure the Program's ROFR area limit to a 15-mile radius around the Company's proposed location.

Using the criteria above two (2) proposed locations had been selected under ROFR. The Blackshear location had been selected by Friendly Express Inc. The Griffin Location had two proposed ROFRs, one is by Geo. H. Green Inc., filed April 29, 2023, and is beyond the 15-mile radius from GPC's proposed location and located at 1552 Highway 85 South, Fayetteville, Georgia. The second location was by Silver Comet Energy filed on July 6, 2023 and is within a 15-mile radius from GPC's proposed Location 6 and located at 1638 US Hwy 41, Griffin, GA 30224. These ROFR's are shown in Figure 2 below.

Figure 2. ROFR Locations

Number	ROFR (Y/N)	Proposed Location	City	County	Zip Code
6	Y	US 19 & US41	Griffin	Spalding	30223
11	Y	US 84 & Main St	Blackshear	Pierce	31516

In its response, the Company acknowledged the Term Sheet does not set forth a process to replace proposed charging locations selected under the ROFR process. Since the term sheet provides a \$3 million annual budget for the Program, and is sufficient for eleven (11) locations, Georgia Power desires to reserve the right to provide replacement locations for sites claimed by the market through a ROFR to utilize the complete budget. In such a scenario, the Company agreed that proposed replacement locations will also be subject to all of the other requirements of the Term Sheet including a new 60-day ROFR process. Due to the timing of this year's filing, Georgia Power had informed Staff that it will not recommend additional locations in 2023, but may propose replacement Community Charging Program locations in 2024 and 2025 based on conditions at that time. Staff reserves its rights to challenge whether the Term Sheet contemplates or allows replacement locations. Although a budget for Community Charging stations has been approved, only the Company's actual costs incurred to own, operate and maintain approved community charging equipment may be recovered in its rates for retail electric service. GPC is not obligated to spend the full budget.

On July 27, 2023 Staff recommended the Commission issue an order to approve the nine (9) remaining Community Charging locations presented in GPC's Plan for the year 2023, to confirm that the most current DCA Maps will be used going forward, and to define the 15-miles restriction as the radius measured from GPC's proposed locations.

The Commission unanimously approved Staff's recommendation at the August 1, 2023 Administrative Session.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Georgia Power Company's nine (9) remaining Community Charging locations for the year 2023, are hereby approved.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the most current Georgia Department of Community Affairs Job Tax Credit Tier maps for eligibility consideration in the Community Charging program are hereby adopted.

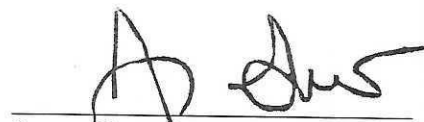
ORDERED FURTHER, that a 15-mile radius restriction as measured around Georgia Power Company's proposed locations for eligibility consideration in the Community Charging program is hereby adopted.

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 1st day of August, 2023.


Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary


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Chairman

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