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IN RE: GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S 2022 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AND GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S 2023/2024 UTILITY SCALE RENEWABLE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO TRANSFER MEGAWATTS BETWEEN COMMISSION-APPROVED RENEWABLE PROGRAMS

On September 15th, 2023, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") filed for Georgia Public Service Commission's ("Commission") consideration of a petition to transfer megawatts ("MW") between Georgia Power's Commission-approved Renewable Customer programs. The Company is seeking these requests to help meet customers' renewable energy needs and to help ensure that the 1,030 MW of previously approved renewable energy MWs are procured to serve customers.

This petition included approval of the following three requests:

1. Transfer 500 MW from the Retail Renewable Energy Credit ("REC") Retirement ("R3") program to the Customer Renewable Supply Procurement ("CRSP") program and grant Georgia Power authority to defer the revenues designed to recover the additional sum and transmission costs collected from CRSP customers for the transferred MW beginning January 1, 2025 to a regulatory liability for the benefit of all retail customers to be addressed in the Company's next base rate case;

2. Add the 1,030 MW that were left unfilled from the 2023/2024 Utility Scale ("US") Request for Proposals ("RFP") to the upcoming Clean and Renewable Energy Subscription

("CARES") US RFP ("CARES 2023 US RFP") and allocate those MW to the CARES program; and

3. Grant customers in the CRSP queue priority access to the first 500 MW in CARES.

To implement the requested changes, the Company filed revised CRSP tariffs for Commission approval.

As approved by the Commission in its Order Adopting Stipulation in Docket No. 42310 ("2019 IRP Final Order") regarding Georgia Power's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"), Georgia Power was directed to procure 2,000 MW of renewable resources, of which 1,000 MW would be procured for CRSP program customers and 1,000 MW would be procured for all retail customers from two separate RFPs. Through the CRSP program, eligible commercial and industrial ("C&I") customers can purchase a subscription to receive hourly credits and RECs retired on their behalf.

The 2022/2023 US RFP resulted in the procurement of 970 MW of renewable resources, of which 500 MW were allocated to the CRSP program and 470 MW were allocated to the benefit of all retail customers. The 2023/2024 US RFP failed to procure any resources resulting in 1,030 MW of unprocured renewable resources.

As approved by the Commission in its Order Adopting Stipulation in Docket No. 44160 ("2022 IRP Final Order") regarding Georgia Power's 2022 IRP, Georgia Power's R3 program allows eligible customers to purchase a subscription to have RECs associated with the output of the program portfolio to be retired on the behalf of customers. The R3 portfolio currently consists of 1,070 MW from six power purchase agreements ("PPA") procured during the Renewable Energy Development Initiative ("REDI") I and REDI II RFPs. During the 2022 IRP, the Commission approved for up to 1,000 MW of the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 portfolios approved in the 2019 IRP be transferred to the R3 program once these resources come online.

In this petition, the Company requested to allocate 500 unsubscribed MWs from the R3 program to the CRSP program to help meet the immediate needs of customers in the CRSP queue. It is Commission Staff's ("Staff") understanding from discussions with the Company that the CRSP queue currently consists of 23 customers with over 1,600 MW of renewable energy requests. If any of the MWs remain unsubscribed, such MWs would be returned to the R3 program for subscription.

The transfer of MWs from R3 to CRSP will change which customers are ultimately responsible for the respective additional sum and transmission costs associated with the PPAs in the R3 portfolio. Georgia Power currently recovers the additional sum and transmission costs for these PPAs in base rates from all retail customers. If the 500 MW are transferred from R3 to CRSP as requested, in 2025, customers subscribing to the CRSP program will also pay for the additional sum and transmission costs for these PPAs as part of their subscription fee. To avoid double recovery, Georgia Power requested the authority to defer the revenues collected from CRSP

customers on the transferred MW beginning January 1, 2025, to a regulatory liability for the benefit of all retail customers, with the amortization of the regulatory liability to be addressed in the Company's next base rate case.

The Company requested to include the unfulfilled 1,030 MW of renewable resources from the 2023/2024 US RFP in the upcoming CARES 2023 US RFP. Approval of this request will allow for these MWs to be procured along with the resources that were approved in the 2022 IRP. The Company and Staff are currently in the process of reviewing draft documents for the CARES 2023 US RFP with an anticipated Commission approval in December of this year.

In addition, the Company requested that 1,030 MW be added to the CARES program portfolio. Similar to the CRSP program, the CARES program is designed to allow eligible C&I customers to subscribe to hourly energy credits and RECs associated with the renewable energy output from facilities in the CARES portfolio. Approval of the Company's request to transfer 1,030 MW to the CARES portfolio will help meet the growing renewable energy needs of C&I customers. Any remaining MWs procured but not subscribed to through the CARES program will be used to serve all retail customers. If a participating CARES customer elects to terminate its Customer Agreement, or when the Customer Agreement expires, that customer's portion of the CARES Portfolio may be offered to potential customers for future subscription or become available to serve all Georgia Power retail customers.

In its petition, the Company requested authority to grant customers currently in the CRSP queue priority access to the first 500 MW of renewable energy procured in the upcoming CARES 2023 US RFP. This request will help address the needs of customers that have continued to wait for renewable energy that was not procured in the 2023/2024 US RFP.

During the review of this filing and associated revised CRSP tariffs, Staff met with the Company in order to understand the flow of MWs from the approved renewable programs along with the recovery of the associated additional sum. Additional discussions on this matter took place at Energy Committee on September 28th, 2023. Staff reviewed and recommended approval of the Company's request for the transfer of MWs between Commission-approved renewable programs and the revised CRSP tariffs.

The Commission approved Staff's recommendation at the October 3rd, 2023, Administrative Session.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Georgia Power Company's petition to transfer megawatts between Commission-Approved Renewable Programs and revised CRSP tariffs are 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 3rd day of October, 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

10/6/23
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

10-6-23
Date