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Docket No. 44280

ORDER APPROVING UPDATED TARIFFS IN THE 2022 RATE CASE

In Re: Georgia Power Company's Updates of Base Tariffs

On October 2, 2023, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") filed updated tariffs in compliance with the Commission's 2022 Rate Case Order ("Order") and Settlement Agreement in Docket No. 44280. The Order and Settlement Agreement provided for the collection of an additional $191 million in calendar year 2024, which is approximately $185 million less than the 2024 increase contemplated in the Order. Traditional base rates were designed to collect an additional $275 million on an annual basis, as a result of costs to be incurred by the Company in 2024 associated with additional capital investments and operating expenses previously approved by the Commission. In addition, the Company is recovering incremental revenue erosion of $341 thousand associated with the Time of Use – Food and Drink tariff ("TOU-FD") conversions from all TOU-FD rate customers as approved by the Commission.

The Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery ("ECCR") tariff will collect $99 million less on an annual basis as a result of ECCR costs to be incurred by the Company in 2024, which is comprised of a $64 million reduction in Coal Combustion Residual Asset Retirement Obligation ("CCR ARO") compliance costs along with a $35 million reduction in traditional ECCR costs excluding CCR ARO compliance costs. The decrease in the CCR ARO compliance costs reflects the actual CCR ARO regulatory asset balance through July 2023, as well as updated CCR ARO estimates for August 2023 through December 2024, as authorized by the Commission in the Order and presented in the Company's most recent semi-annual CCR ARO filing in October 2023. In addition, the recovery of CCR ARO compliance costs for 2024 includes the application of the 2021 and 2022 Annual Surveillance Report sharing amounts credited to the CCR ARO regulatory asset. The decrease in traditional ECCR costs excluding CCR ARO compliance costs reflects the costs associated with environmental capital investments and operating expenses previously approved by the Commission.

The Demand Side Management ("DSM") tariffs will collect an additional $11 million on an annual basis as a result of DSM costs to be incurred by the Company in 2024. This increase reflects the incremental costs and Additional Sum associated with the Company's DSM programs, which were previously approved by the Commission. The increase is partially offset by the true-up of 2022 actual results, which resulted in an over-recovery and includes the $1.5 million reduction to the 2022 Additional Sum as agreed upon with the Commission's Public Interest Advocacy Staff.

The Municipal Franchise Fee ("MFF") tariff is designed to collect an additional $5 million on an annual basis primarily as a result of the net increases noted above.

–The Company has also provided a November 2023 version of the TOU-EVC tariff in addition to the tariff that will go into effect in January 2024. This tariff was requested by stakeholders to make the tariff available to customers before January 2024.

–Moreover, the Company has updated the Price Protection Products ("PPP-2") tariff to address customer eligibility requirements.

Each of the increases/decreases have been calculated in accordance with the principles established in the Order. Specifically, the Company has (1) utilized the most current CCR ARO compliance cost estimates for purposes of calculating the ECCR tariff; (2) utilized the projections for DSM costs approved by the Commission in Docket No. 44161 and a true-up of 2022 actual results; and (3) adjusted the MFF rate to reflect the updated actual percentage of MFF revenues within municipalities. The 2024 tariff designs for these increases/decreases utilize the most current kilowatt hour ("kWh") sales forecast.

At its November 16, 2023, Administrative Session, the Commission voted to approve the updates to base tariffs.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the updates to base tariffs, as filed, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-2-25.

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 these matters 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 at its Administrative Session on the 16th day of November, 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

12-4-23
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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