BEFORE THE

GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re:	**)**	
Georgia Power Company's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan Update	**)**	**Docket No. 55378**

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF WALMART INC.

COMES NOW, Walmart Inc. ("Walmart"), pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 50-13-14 and 46-2-59 and Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 515-2-1.06, and hereby files this Application for Leave to Intervene ("Application") in the above-referenced docket. The Application is timely filed. In support thereof, Walmart respectfully shows as follows:

1.

On October 27, 2023, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") filed for approval of its 2023 Integrated Resource Plan Update ("IRP"). Pursuant to that filing, Walmart files this Application for Leave to Intervene and participate in this docket. This Application is timely filed.

2.

Walmart is a global retailer of goods and services and also operates throughout the United States. Walmart's principal energy management office is located at 2608 SE J Street, Bentonville, AR 72716.

3.

Walmart has the privilege of providing its retail services throughout the State of Georgia, operating 213 retail facilities, including 152 Supercenters, two Discount Stores, 31 Neighborhood Markets, 24 Sam's Clubs, 4 Other Pharmacy Formats, 10 distribution centers, and three fulfillment

centers.[1] Within the Georgia Power's service territory, Walmart is a large commercial customer, operating 125 retail stores, three distribution centers, and related facilities. Collectively, these facilities purchase approximately 475 million kWh annually from the Company.

4.

Walmart has an interest in this proceeding because electricity is one of its highest operating costs, and the Georgia Power's IRP has the potential to directly impact Walmart's operations in Georgia. Moreover, because Walmart has established aggressive and significant renewable energy goals,[2] any rulings by the Commission concerning the Company's IRP may also impact Walmart's renewable energy goals. As such, Walmart has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

5.

Because of the unique nature of Walmart's operations – where its purchases substantial amounts of electric and related services from the Company pursuant to multiple accounts at multiple locations – Walmart is dissimilar from other large electricity users. Its interest in this proceeding cannot be adequately represented by any other party. Additionally, Walmart's participation in this matter will not unduly delay this proceeding or prejudice any other party.

6.

Walmart respectfully requests that it be granted leave to intervene and participate fully as a party in this proceeding, including the right to present testimony and exhibits, cross-examine witnesses, and file briefs. Walmart intends to participate actively in this docket.

[1] https://corporate.walmart.com/about/location-facts/united-states/georgia

[2] *See* https://corporate.walmart.com/newsroom/2020/09/21/walmart-sets-goal-to-become-a-regenerative-company

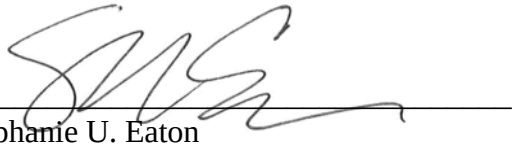
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Walmart respectfully requests that the following person be included on the service list in this docket and that all communications regarding this docket be directed to them:

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VERIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Stephanie U. Eaton personally appeared before the undersigned Notary Public and stated under oath that she is counsel for Walmart Inc. ("Walmart"), that she is authorized by Walmart to execute this Verification on its behalf and that the facts alleged in the foregoing Application for Leave to Intervene are true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief.

This 14 day of December, 2023.

Stephanie U. Eaton

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 14th day of December, 2023.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 10/27/2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have served the following parties with the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF WALMART INC.** via electronic mail as follows:

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