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ORDER ESTABLISHING FEE

Docket No. 55378

In Re: Georgia Power Company's 2023 Integrated Resource Plan Update, Certification of the Power Purchase Agreement between Georgia Power Company and Mississippi Power Company, Certification of the Power Purchase Agreement between Georgia Power Company and Santa Rosa Energy Center LLC, and Amended Certification of the Residential Thermostat Demand Response Demand Side Management Program

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With regard to the establishment of a fee for an Integrated Resource Plan Filing, O.C.G.A. § 46-3A-5(c) states in part:

> Within 60 days after the filing of an integrated resource plan or an application has been made with the commission for a certificate or amendment, the commission shall establish a fee therefor and notify the applicant thereof. The fee amount so established shall be in an amount reasonably necessary to defray the expense of the commission in reviewing the plan or determining whether to grant the application, including but not limited to the expense of conducting any certification proceedings required for such application. The fee so established shall not be recoverable from ratepayers of the applicant if the application or certification is denied nor shall the fee for review of the plan or any subsequent amendment thereto be recoverable from ratepayers. Such fee must be remitted to the commission before the commission may take further action upon the application.

On October 27, 2023 Georgia Power Company filed its Integrated Resource Plan Update and Application for the Certification, Decertification, and Amended Demand-Side Management Plan under O.C.G.A. § 46-3A.

In its November 21, 2023 Procedural and Scheduling Order in this matter, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") established the following as part of the approved schedule.

> **December 19, 2023**
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> At its regularly scheduled Administrative Session, the Commission will establish the fees in these dockets pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-3A-5(c). The sixty-day deadline for establishing these fees is December 26, 2023.

Accordingly, Commission Staff ("Staff") estimated the cost to review the filing at $745,684.

The Commission has determined that a fee should be established for review of the application of Georgia Power Company in the above-captioned docket. This Commission has established the fee for review of this application within sixty days of filing the application. The fee amount so established is an amount reasonably necessary to defray the expenses of the Commission in reviewing the plan and determining whether to grant the application, including but not limited to the expense of conducting any proceedings required for such application.

Therefore, the Commission finds and concludes that based on Staff's recommendation, the fee amount necessary to defray the costs to this Commission in review of Georgia Power Company's Certificate filing shall be $745,684.

WHEREFORE, it is:

ORDERED, that the fee to be paid by Georgia Power Company on or before December 26, 2023 for the Commission's review of its Certificate filing shall be in the amount of $745,684; and

ORDERED FURTHER, that this Order shall constitute notice to Georgia Power Company of the fee pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-3A-5(c); and

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; and

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 December 19, 2023.

Sallie Tanner

SALLIE TANNER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

12-19-23
Date

JASON SHAW
CHAIRMAN

12-19-23
Date