STATE OF GEORGIA

BEFORE THE
GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

APPLICATION OF GEORGIA SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Georgia Solar Energy Association ("GA Solar") hereby applies to the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") for leave to intervene in the above-referenced docket pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-59 and 50-13-14 and Commission Rule 515-2-1-.06. In support of this application, GA Solar respectfully show the Commission as follows:

1.

On October 27 2023, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "the Company") filed its 2022 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") Update, for which it seeks Commission approval.

2.

On November 21, 2023, the Commission approved a Procedural and Scheduling Order in the above-referenced dockets, according to which this application for leave to intervene is timely filed.

3.

Georgia Solar Energy Association is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. GA Solar represents the interests of its members in promoting environmental justice, renewable energy, and related sustainable practices. GA Solar helps benefit Georgia's

energy consumers by advocating for solar power in Georgia by helping to inform local and state leaders about the kinds of policies that make the benefits of solar accessible to all. This advocacy supports investment and local economic growth that keeps Georgia's economy strong.

Additionally, GA Solar helps solar professionals stay abreast of the latest news, trends and standards, as well as providing them with networking and business outreach opportunities. By connecting home and business owners, GA Solar helps find skilled solar professionals and provides guides to help consumers evaluate solar options. In addition, GA Solar helps consumers decide how to access solar energy in a way that saves them money on their power bills and reduces their environmental footprint. Finally, GA Solar helps consumers find skilled solar professionals they can trust and provide guides to evaluate solar options.

4.

GA Solar has an interest in the 2023 Georgia Power IRP Update proceedings both on its own behalf and on behalf of its members. Many of GA Solar's members purchase electricity from Georgia Power Company, both for their businesses and for their individual residences. Their electricity consumption and costs for electricity will be affected by the Commission's actions in these dockets.

5.

GA Solar's mission is directly implicated by Georgia Power's supply- and demand-side choices as reflected in its 2023 IRP Update plans. GA Solar intends to address the concerns of both itself and its members regarding how the Company's choices impact the resulting bills that customers pay. As a result, GA Solar has substantial and vital interests in the outcome of these proceedings and seeks to intervene to protect these interests.

6.

In furtherance of its interests and on behalf of its members, GA Solar has intervened in many prior proceedings before the Commission. Among the Commission proceedings in which GA Solar has intervened or otherwise participated are Georgia Power's 2022 IRP and DSM proceedings, Docket Nos. 42310, 42311; Georgia Power's 2022 Base Rate Case, Docket No. 44280, and Georgia Power's 2019 Base Rate Case, Docket No. 42516.

9.

The interests of GA Solar and its members are not adequately represented by other parties to these proceedings. Other parties that have applied to intervene do not have interests similar to those of GA Solar. The applicants' intervention would not unduly delay the proceedings or prejudice the rights of other parties.

11.

If this application is granted, GA Solar intends to participate as a party in these dockets, reserving the ability to cross-examining witnesses, filing and presenting direct testimony, and filing proposed orders and/or briefs. GA Solar has not yet finalized plans for direct testimony but expect to explore a number of issues in testimony including but not limited to the Company's renewable energy programs available to customers, and demand side management portfolio.

12.

GA Solar respectfully requests that the following persons receive all notices, correspondence and copies of orders and other materials in this docket, and be placed upon the official service list:

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WHEREFORE, GA Solar respectfully requests that the Commission grant this application for leave to intervene and admit them as full parties of record in these proceedings with all rights attendant thereto.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of January, 2024.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing **Application of Georgia Solar Energy Association for Leave to Intervene** in Docket No. 55378 was filed with the Public Service Commission by electronic delivery on the 3rd of January, 2024. An electronic copy of same was served upon all parties listed below by electronic mail as follows:



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