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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE:

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT INTEGRATED CAPACITY AND DELIVERY PLAN

DOCKET#
DOCKET NUMBER 43820
DOCUMENT# 217386

PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING ORDER

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

The Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission"), on its December 19, 2019, Administrative Session, voted to approve a motion to resolve the issues of the fully litigated general rate case filed by Atlanta Gas Light ("AGL" or the "Company") on June 3, 2019.

In the Commission's December 31, 2019 Order resolving AGL's 2019 Rate Case, the Commission directed AGL to propose a long-range planning tool by January 31, 2020, to establish a proceeding open to all interested parties where the Commission would examine and approve parameters for capital budgets and related Operation and Maintenance spending associated with multi-year forecasts. In response to such order, AGL filed a proposed process that the Commission

Staff ("Staff") fully considered. Thereafter, Staff and AGL worked together to create a governing document (the "Stipulation") that would implement a planning process while preserving the established process and methodologies within the existing Capacity Supply Plan ("CSP") and the Georgia Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("GRAM") filings.

On January 28, 2021, AGL and Staff filed a Joint Stipulation establishing a Long-Range Comprehensive Planning Process that is in compliance with Commission Orders. The Stipulation was approved on the February 16, 2021, Administrative Session. Pursuant to the approved Stipulation and to be in compliance with the 2019 Rate Case Order, AGL shall develop and file at least once every three years an Integrated Capacity and Delivery Plan ("i-CDP") that will provide a single, comprehensive planning and review process in which parameters for subsequent CSPs, GRAMs, and the new System Reinforcement Rider ("SRR") can be established.

The Commission has general regulatory authority over natural gas utilities in the state of Georgia pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-20, 46-2-21, 46-2-23, 46-2-23.1, 46-2-24, 46-2-25, 46-2-26.4, and 46-2-33, 46-4-155. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13, the Commission enters this Procedural and Scheduling Order to govern the hearings in the above referenced filing per the authority and duty conferred upon the Commission.

The Commission orders this Procedural and Scheduling Order to identify the issues, establish discovery procedures, including expedited response times pursuant to the approved Stipulation, and establish a hearing schedule. This proceeding shall be deemed "complex litigation" as that phrase is used in O.C.G.A. § 9-11-33(a). Discovery procedures shall accordingly apply.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 46-2-57(a), Staff is appointed as the agent for the Commission for discovery purposes. Staff shall be authorized to take depositions and otherwise obtain discovery of any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in this proceeding in the same manner prescribed in Chapter 11 of Title 9 for discovery in civil actions. As provided in the Stipulation, AGL shall respond to Staff Data Requests (DRs) within 20 days from the date of issuance.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate and administratively convenient to hold hearings and proceedings in this Docket.

PART I. HEARING SCHEDULE AND FILING DATES

The schedule for hearings and filing dates in this docket is as follows:

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Atlanta Gas Light filed with the Executive Secretary's Office using the Alternative E-filing system, its i-CDP plan in compliance with the approved Stipulation using Microsoft Word® format for text documents and Excel® for spreadsheets. In addition, the Company will file seven printed Trade Secret Copies and two Public Disclosure copies.

Tuesday, May 1, 2024

All Intervenors may file with the Executive Secretary's Office using the Alternative E-filing system a copy of direct testimony regarding the Company's i-CDP filing made using Microsoft Word® format for text documents and Excel® for spreadsheets. In addition, the Intervenors will file seven printed Trade Secret Copies and two Public Disclosure copies. If Trade Secret Information will not be part of the filing, then the Intervenors will file seven printed Public Disclosure copies.

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Staff may file with the Executive Secretary's Office using the Alternative E-filing system a copy of direct testimony regarding the Company's i-CDP filing made using Microsoft Word® format for text documents and Excel® for spreadsheets. In addition, the Staff will file two printed Trade Secret Copies and two printed Public Disclosure copies. If Trade Secret Information will not be part of the filing, then the Staff will file two printed Public Disclosure copies.

Thursday, May 30, 2024

AGL may file with the Executive Secretary's Office using the Alternative E-filing system a copy of rebuttal testimony regarding Staff's and Intervenors' direct testimony using Microsoft Word® format for text documents and Excel® for spreadsheets. In addition, the Company will file seven printed Trade Secret Copies and two Public Disclosure copies.

Tuesday, June 11 through Wednesday, June 12

The Commission will convene all hearings related to the Company's 2025-2034 i-CDP in one round. The Commission will begin the hearing by first receiving the oral or written statements of persons who are not parties pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59(g). Immediately following such statements, the Commission will hear any objections to applications to intervene, and any

appropriate motions concerning pre-filed testimony. Following these motions, the Commission will conduct hearings on the Company's direct testimony, Parties' testimony, and the Company's rebuttal testimony.

Thursday, June 20, 2024 by noon

All recommendations, briefs, and proposed orders will be filed with the Executive Secretary's Office using the Alternative E-filing system using Microsoft Word® format for text documents and Excel® for spreadsheets.

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

The Commission will vote on this matter.

PART II. INTERVENTION AND HEARING PROCEDURES

1. Public Interest Advocacy Staff Designations

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13, this proceeding shall be considered a contested case. As such, the Commission hereby designates the following Staff members to act as PIA Staff in this proceeding:

Nancy Tyer
Tony Wackerly
Anjali Dube
Krushmi Chheda
Irma Ormeno
Janey Chauvet
Nijah James
Sam Johnson
Ginny Davis
Ray-Kelle Preston

The PIA Staff shall be responsible for performing an independent evaluation of the filed testimony from the standpoint of promoting the public interest and just and reasonable rates and advocating for that position. The PIA Staff is considered a party to the case and may negotiate settlements with other parties, in the public interest.

PART II. INTERVENTION AND HEARING PROCEDURES

Parties to this proceeding shall adhere to the following procedures:

2. Intervention

(a) **Intervention Period**

Any person or party, on whom a statute does not confer an unconditional right to intervene, must file an application for leave to intervene within 30 days following the first published notice of the proceeding. Pursuant to Commission Rule 515-2-1-.04, AGL is directed to give first notice of the proceedings in this case no later than April 1, 2024.

(b) **Application Requirements**

Applications to intervene and Commission approval thereof, are covered by O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59, and the Commission Rule 515-2-1-.06, which are reproduced below. Each applicant shall submit copies of its application to intervene to the Commission using the Alternative E-filing system, addressed to the Executive Secretary, Sallie Tanner, 244 Washington Street S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701.

In addition, each applicant shall submit a copy of its application to AGL, and all other parties who have applied to intervene, and submit a Certificate of Service to the Commission certifying that these copies have been served on the other parties. To obtain a list of other applicants that have intervened, contact Diana Cain, Georgia Public Service Commission, 244 Washington St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701, (dcain@psc.ga.gov)

In addition to the requirements prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59 for applications for leave to intervene, the application must (1) identify other intervening parties or intervening party applications whose interest are similar to that of the applicant, along with an explanation of why the identified intervening party or intervening party applicant will not adequately represent the applicant's interest; and (2) state the applicant's present intention to submit direct testimony and by whom and on what subject. The requirements identified herein shall constitute a continuing obligation of the applicant or intervening party. Each application for leave to intervene shall also contain a valid email address for the intervening party.

(c) **Late Applications for Intervention**

Any late application for leave to intervene filed must state the reason why such application was not submitted within 30 days of first published notice. No untimely application for leave to intervene shall be granted except for good cause shown.

(d) **Rulings on Intervention Applications**

The Commission will consider and rule on applications for leave to intervene at the first hearing date set in this docket.

3. Filing and Service

All filings, including Direct Testimony and Rebuttal Testimony, briefs and proposed orders, shall be filed with the Executive Secretary's Office using the Alternative E-filing system using Microsoft Word® format for text documents and Excel® for spreadsheets.

Each party has the responsibility to serve copies of any documents filed with the Commission upon AGL, each intervenor and intervenor applicant, and the Commission Staff. Furthermore, in the case of documents filed prior to the deadline for intervention established above, copies shall also be served upon each party indicated in the Certificate of Service accompanying this Order.

4. Witnesses' Testimony

(a) Summations of direct testimony will take no longer than 15 minutes or, at the discretion of the Commission, no longer than 30 minutes.

(b) Summations should be limited to testimony and exhibits in the pre-filed testimony.

(c) Demonstrative handouts intended to be used during summations of the pre-filed testimony or in opening or closing statements, if applicable, must be pre-filed at least five (5) days prior to the hearing and must be limited to the scope of the testimony and exhibits in the pre-filed testimony.

(d) Except for good cause shown, corrections to testimony must be pre-filed at least five (5) days prior to the hearing.

(e) In the absence of a valid objection made and sustained to pre-filed testimony, the pre-filed testimony and exhibits, with corrections, will be admitted into the record as if orally given prior to the witness' summation, subject to a motion to strike after admission or other relevant objection.

(f) Where the testimony of a panel of witnesses is presented, cross-examination may either be addressed to the panel, in which case any member of the panel may answer, or cross-examination may be addressed to an individual panel member, in which case that panel member shall give the answer; provided, however, that any other panel member shall be allowed to supplement the answer given. The number of persons sitting on any panel shall not exceed four (4) persons.

(g) Motions to strike any portion of pre-filed testimony must be filed at least two days prior to the hearing.

5. Hearing Exhibits

For the record in all hearings, it shall be the responsibility of the parties sponsoring any hearing exhibits to ensure that the Hearing Reporter, all parties of record and the Commissioners receive copies of the hearing exhibits at the time of introducing the exhibits at the hearings. (Exhibits filed with pre-filed testimony should already have been provided using the Alternative E-filing system.

6. Hearing Requests

For any hearing requests approved by the Commission, responses shall be filed Executive Secretary's Office using the Alternative E-filing system using Microsoft Word® format for text documents and Excel® for spreadsheets and served to all interveners. Unless otherwise ordered, such responses shall be due within seven days of the request.

PART III. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

The Commission has general supervisory authority over natural gas utilities. O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-20 and 21. The Commission has the exclusive power to determine just and reasonable rates and charges made by AGL. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-23(a). Unless the Commission has otherwise authorized the change, AGL shall provide at least thirty (30) days notice to the Commission and to the public of any proposed change to any rate, charge, classification, or service subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-25(a). The Commission is authorized to suspend the operation of any new schedule and defer the use of such rate, charge, classification, or service for a period not to exceed five months. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-25(b).

Georgia Statutes

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20(a) provides, among other things, that the Commission has general supervisory authority over natural gas companies.

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20(b) provides that the Commission may hear complaints against companies under its jurisdiction and may also perform duties it imposes on itself.

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20(c) provides that the Commission may, either by general rules or by special orders in particular cases, require all companies under its supervision to establish and maintain such public services and facilities as may be reasonable and just.

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20(i) provides that the Commission shall have the power and authority to prescribe rules and regulations for the safe installation and safe operation of all natural gas transmission and distribution facilities within the state.

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-23(a) provides that the Commission has exclusive power to determine what are just and reasonable rates and charges to be made by any person, firm, or corporation subject to its jurisdiction.

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-25 provides, among other things, the procedures any company with rates subject to the Commission's jurisdiction must follow in order to add new or make changes to existing rates.

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-23.1 provides, among other things, a method for the Commission to establish just and reasonable rates and charges for a gas company by performance based regulation without regard to methods based strictly upon cost of service, rate base, and rate of return. Performance based regulation may include without limitation one or more of the following features: earnings sharing, price caps, price-indexing formulas, ranges of authorized rates of return, and the reduction or suspension of regulatory requirements.

O.C.G.A. §§ 46-4-150 et seq. establishes the legislative framework for natural gas services and ancillary services following the election of a gas company to become subject to the provisions of the Natural Gas Competition and Deregulation Act.

O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13 (Georgia Administrative Procedure Act) provides for the procedures that generally control this hearing process.

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O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59. Permissible parties in proceedings before Commission; intervention in proceedings generally; limited appearances; attendance at proceedings by party granted leave to intervene; review of Orders denying or conditioning application for leave to intervene.

(a) In all proceedings before the Commission, the parties to such proceeding shall consist of the affected applicant, any person who is permitted to intervene as provided in this Code Section, and the Utility Finance Section established pursuant to Article 2A of this Chapter.
(b) Any person on whom a statute confers an unconditional right to intervene may intervene by filing a notice of intervention with the Commission or hearing officer, as appropriate.
(c) Any other person desiring to intervene must file an application for leave to intervene within 30 days following the first published notice of the proceeding. Any such application shall be in writing, shall be verified either by the party intervening or by his attorney on information and belief, shall identify the party requesting intervention, and shall set forth with particularity the facts pertaining to his interest and the grounds upon which his application for intervention are based. Such application shall be served on all other parties in the proceeding including those who have previously applied for leave to intervene. No untimely application for leave to intervene shall be granted by the presiding authority except for good cause shown.
(d) Any party or person who has previously applied for leave to intervene in a proceeding in which leave to intervene is sought by another person may file a response to the application for leave to intervene within 15 days after the application is served.

(e) The Commission or Hearing Officer shall permit only the following persons to intervene:
   (1) A person upon whom a statute confers an unconditional right to intervene;
   (2) A person who demonstrates a legal, property, or other interest in the proceeding. In determining whether to allow intervention, the Hearing Officer may consider whether the person's interest is adequately represented by other parties and whether the intervention will unduly delay the proceedings or prejudice the rights of other parties;
   (3) Any member of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, who may without fee intervene on behalf of his constituents with the full rights and privileges of a designated party.

(f) The Commission or Hearing Officer may condition any Order permitting intervention so as to assure the orderly conduct of the proceeding.

(g) A person who is not a party may make a limited appearance by making an oral or written statement of his or her position on the issues within such limits and on such conditions as may be fixed by the Commission or Hearing Officer; but he may not otherwise participate in the proceeding.

(h) A party granted leave to intervene shall be present, absent good cause shown, during that portion of the proceedings for which that party has indicated a desire to be heard.

(i) An Order by a Hearing Officer denying or conditioning an application for leave to intervene shall be immediately reviewable by the Commission. An Order by the Commission denying or conditioning an application for leave to intervene shall be immediately reviewable as provided by law for the judicial review of final Commission Orders.

(j) Nothing in this Code Section shall be construed to prohibit the Commission from taking any action prior to the expiration of the 30-day period during which persons are permitted to file applications for leave to intervene.

Commission Utility Rules

515-2-1-.06 Parties of Record

1) At the hearing on all applications, petitions, and complaints, the Chairman of the Commission shall call for and enter the names of all parties desiring to become a party of record, either for or against the docketed case being heard. In the discretion of the Commission, parties having made written intervention prior to the hearing may be entered as a party of record.
2) The Commission may, in its discretion and for good cause shown, authorize the late filing, or entering, of a notice of intervention.
3) The Commission may condition any order permitting intervention so as to assure the orderly conduct of the proceeding. If an intervenor has demonstrated a lack of familiarity with the Commission's hearing processes or the rules of evidence in Commission proceedings, the Commission may place reasonable restrictions on the intervenor designed to avoid delay or disruption of the proceeding and that are not related to the viewpoint of the intervenor, including but not limited to, placing a time limit on the intervenor's cross-examination of witnesses.

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a) A person who is not a party to a proceeding may make a limited appearance by making an oral or written statement of his or her position on the issues, provided that the Commission maintains the discretion to disallow a person from making or continuing to make an oral or written statement if such disallowance is consistent with principles of fairness and necessary to maintain decorum, based on factors, including but not limited to:
   (1) whether the oral or written statement is limited to and rationally related to the issues noticed for consideration at the hearing;
   (2) whether the oral statement is redundant to the oral statements made by other persons so as to unduly delay the hearing;
   (3) whether the person making the oral or written statement is speaking on behalf of a party to the proceeding; and
   (4) whether the person making the oral or written statement is conducting him or herself in a disruptive, offensive, or defamatory manner.

b) Nothing in this rule limits the Commission's ability to impose procedural requirements on the presentation of written and oral comments in order to effectively manage the proceeding. No procedural requirement will be based on the viewpoint of the speaker.

PART IV. ISSUES INVOLVED

1. Should the Commission grant, deny, or modify AGL's proposed i-CDP?
2. If AGL's proposed i-CDP should be modified, what modifications should be made?
3. Has AGL provided sufficient detail as approved in **Section 3A, General Filing Requirements**, in the i-CDP Stipulation ("Governing Document"), in DN 42315, which shall include the following:

   (a) Has a pleading been provided that discusses the overall i-CDP plan; and pre-filed direct testimony of witnesses in support of the proposed i-CDP?
   (b) Has an overview of the AGL's natural gas system been provided with sufficient detail.
   (c) Has a discussion of significant events related to natural gas demand, government decisions that may influence natural gas demand, etc. and other market conditions been provided with sufficient detail?
   (d) Have forecasts been provided for 10 years (the "Planning Period"), 2025 - 2034, including the detailed discussion of assumptions and forecast methodologies; proposed infrastructure system projects and capital budgets, including discussions of the project selection process?
   (e) Has the i-CDP filing included a discussion of the effect of the Company's customer retention and growth programs on the system and on the forecasts?
   (f) Has a description of AGL's adoption and implementation of best practices and environmental stewardship measures and any other factors that can significantly influence the i-CDP filing for 2025 – 2034 been provided?
   (g) Has the i-CDP filing provided a rolling 10-year capital forecast, 2025 - 2034, a rolling 10-year demand forecast, 2025 – 2034, and a description of AGL's preferred options to meet the forecasted intrastate and interstate capacity needs.

(h) Has the i-CDP filing included detailed information regarding each capital project or category of projects recommended for 2025 - 2027 of the i-CDP for the Commission to verify project needs, with a lower level of detail provided for each project forecasted in years 2028 - 2034.

(i) Has sufficient information in this longer-range, 2028 – 2034, capital budget forecast been provided that allows the Commission to evaluate the reasonableness of AGL's forecasting assumptions and longer-term plans, the relationship between intrastate and interstate opportunities, and the effects of any customer growth and retention programs been provided.

(j) Has the i-CDP included detailed information regarding the 2025 - 2027 forecasted design day requirements and associated quantity of the array of interstate capacity assets necessary to meet firm demand on a design day, with a lower level of detail for interstate capacity needs forecasted for years 2028 - 2034 of the ten-year Planning Period covered by the i-CDP. The design day forecast and array of interstate capacity assets are, and will continue to be, approved in CSP dockets. The i-CDP cannot circumvent the CSP statutory requirements. The 2025-2027 i-CDP will use the forecasts approved in the Docket No. 44319 Capacity Supply Plan as the starting point.

4. Has AGL provided sufficient detail as approved in **Section 3B, Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFR")** in the Governing Document in DN 42315, which shall include information regarding capital forecasts and proposed capital investments to improve pressure and/or provide system reinforcement, and for which AGL proposes recovery of the associated revenue requirements through the SRR. Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFRs") for such projects shall include:

(a) A list of the pressure improvement and system reinforcement projects planned for 2025 - 2027 of the Plan Period;

(b) AGL forecasts for years 2028 - 2034 of the Planning Period that lists all known projects or categories of projects based on 10-Year growth projections;

(c) AGL for each project or category of projects identified for the Planning Period, AGL will provide the following.

i. Description of the projects;

ii. A statement of the system reinforcement or pressure improvement issues being addressed;

iii. The counties and locations of the projects;

iv. Years during which the project planning and construction are planned;

v.An overview system map reflecting the proposed improvements;

vi. "Before and After" model illustrations reflecting compliance with minimum system operating pressures under design day conditions; and

vii. Projected cost.

(d) As a ratemaking and cost recovery tool for projects to be recovered through the SRR in the initial three years of each Planning Period, did the Company propose an SRR charge to fund such construction? Did AGL present this in the form of an electronic Excel revenue requirement spreadsheet?

(e) Will AGL show that it will endeavor to complete such projects so as to not exceed the overall approved budget for 2025 - 2027 of the Planning Period. Will AGL demonstrate that if actual costs exceed the approved budget, the burden will be on AGL to show that the additional costs were reasonable and prudent. If the actual project costs are at or below the approved budget and are challenged, then the burden will be on the party challenging the costs to show that such costs are unreasonable or imprudent.

5. Has AGL presented within the i-CDP filing detailed information regarding capital projects to be included for consideration within subsequent Annual GRAM Filings within the Planning Period as approved in **Section 3C, Minimum i-CDP Filing Requirements Regarding Capital Projects to be Included for Consideration within Subsequent Annual GRAM Filings,** in the Governing Document in DN 42315 which shall include:

(a) Has AGL provided a 10-Year i-CDP forecast, 2025 – 2034, that lists all known projects that will be presented for recovery in Annual GRAM Filings based on 10-Year growth projections, including:

i. Names and/or descriptions of known projects or categories of forecasted capital investments;
ii. Counties/Location, to the extent known;
iii. Years in which the construction is planned or anticipated; and
iv. Projected costs;

(b) Has AGL provided that in addition to the information described in the subsection above, for capital projects to be funded in the initial three-years of the I-CDP Plan Period, AGL will present:

i. A narrative that explains the extent to which each such project is complementary to the most recent CSP as well as increasing or shifting customer demands that are occurring, or will occur;
ii. As an Excel® spreadsheet, a detailed estimated budget for each project; and
iii. An estimated time for the completion of the project.

6. Has the Company provided a clear and distinct 2025 - 2027 detailed proposal for GRAM projects and provided evidence that the projects are needed.

7. What are the impacts of AGL affiliate transactions on i-CDP capital budgets and the GRAM/SRR ratemaking processes?

(a) Is AGL only receiving its fair share of costs from Atlanta Gas Light Services Company ("AGSC"), Southern Company Services ("SCS"), and any other affiliate entities that may be charging AGL directly or indirectly?
(b) If AGL is receiving affiliate costs that are higher than appropriate, what actions should the Commission take?

PART V. AFFILIATE TRANSACTION AUDIT

As part of its review of AGL's i-CDP, Staff shall undertake an audit of AGL's affiliate transactions. The purpose of the audit shall be to review the impact affiliate transactions have on i-CDP capital budgets and the GRAM/SRR ratemaking processes, and to determine whether AGL is receiving only its fair share of costs from Atlanta Gas Light Services Company ("AGSC") and Southern Company Services ("SCS"), and any other affiliate entities that may be charging AGL directly or indirectly.

PART V. RIGHTS OF PARTIES

Parties have the following rights in connection with this hearing:

(1) To respond to the matters asserted in this document and to present evidence on any relevant issue;
(2) To be represented by counsel at its expense;
(3) To subpoena witnesses through the Commission by filing requests with the Executive Secretary of the Commission; and
(4) Such other rights as are conferred by law and the rules and regulations of the Commission.

PART VI. SPECIALIZED TESTIMONY AND ASSISTANCE

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-33(a) provides that the cost to the Commission of providing reasonably necessary specialized testimony and assistance in proceedings initiated by a utility shall be charged to the affected utility. It further provides that, with certain exceptions, the amount of such charges shall not exceed $200,000.00 per case per year except for utility rate cases, generation construction monitoring, integrated resource planning cases, and generation certification cases, to the extent such amount is not also being recovered pursuant to an order issued under subsection (c) of Code Section 46-3A-5, which shall not exceed $600,000.00 per case per year. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-33(b) provides that at the time the Commission determines that specialized testimony and assistance is required, the Commission shall issue an order setting forth the scope and budget for such testimony and assistance. It further provides that the $200,000 and $600,000 shall be adjusted on an annual basis based on the Consumer Price Index, resulting in adjusted amounts of $284,015 and $852,046, respectively.

O.C.G.A. § 46-2-33(b) provides that all invoices relating to the testimony and assistance shall be subject to Commission review and approval, and no utility shall be required to pay any invoice not approved by the Commission. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-33(c) provides that the amounts paid by regulated companies under this Code section shall be deemed a necessary cost of providing

service, and the utility shall be entitled to recover the full amount of any costs charged to the utility pursuant to this Code section. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-33(c) further provides that, at the election of the utility, the utility shall be entitled to recover all such costs promptly through a reasonably designed rider designated for such purpose.

The Commission hereby determines that specialized testimony and assistance is required in Docket No. 43820. Accordingly, the Commission hereby sets forth the scope and budget for such assistance as described below:

Affiliate Transaction Audit with impacts to the i-CDP capital & O&M budgets and GRAM/SRR ratemaking.	J. Kennedy & Associates	$119,965

WHEREFORE THE COMMISSION ORDERS that:

A. The Commission hereby adopts the procedures, schedule and statements regarding the issues set forth within this Procedural and Scheduling Order.

B. 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.

C. 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 Special Administrative Session on the 1st day of February, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

2-8-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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Date