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Regulated Provider of Natural Gas: 2021-2024) **Docket No. 43404**

Order approving SCANA Energy's 26th Request for Disbursement for October 2023 Payments to the Regulated Provider from the Universal Service Fund for Group-1 Customers

This matter comes before the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") as a result of SCANA Energy Marketing, LLC. ("SCANA Energy") filing their monthly Request for Universal Service Fund ("USF") Disbursement pursuant to paragraph 18.1(3) of the Consent Order.

On July 6, 2021, the Commission issued its Consent Order in the above-styled docket. The Consent Order detailed the terms and conditions under which SCANA Energy should serve as the 2021-2023 Regulated Provider. The Consent Order provided for recovery for SCANA Energy, as Regulated Provider, for bad debt of Group-1 customers; and the Commission authorized a methodology for payment of bad debt to SCANA Energy (Consent Order, ¶18). On April 22, 2022, the 2021-2023 Regulated Provider Term was extended by the Commission until August 31, 2024.

On October 5, 2023, SCANA Energy, as the Regulated Provider, reported to have billed and provided service to a total of 10,501 Group-1 customers. Pursuant to Paragraph 18.1 of the Consent Order, SCANA Energy shall receive one-twelfth (1/12) of $57 or $4.75 per each Group-1 customer for bad debt recovery (Consent Order, ¶18.1). The

multiplication of SCANA Energy's Group-1 customer count by the $4.75, totals to $49,879.75.

SCANA Energy submitted the monthly customer count and a notarized sworn statement to aid in Staff's verification of the number of Group-1 customers that were served by SCANA Energy. The company reported the total count of Group-1 and Group-2 customers. The Regulated Provider is not entitled to bad debt recovery for Group-2 customers.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves a payment of $49,879.75 from the USF to SCANA Energy based on a verified total of 10,501 Group-1 customer count, in accordance with ¶18.1 of the Consent Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission retains the right to audit the customer counts for both Group-1 and Group-2 utilizing the records of the Regulated Provider, Atlanta Gas Light Company, the Department of Human Services and any other relevant information or documentation.

ORDERED FURTHER, nothing in this order shall be construed to be inconsistent with the terms of the Consent Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this proceeding is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as this Commission deems proper.

ORDERED FURTHER, any motion for reconsideration, rehearing, or oral argument shall not stay the effectiveness of this order unless expressly ordered by the Commission.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 5th day of March, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

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Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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