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ORDER SUSPENDING APPLICATION AND TESTIMONY FILING DATES

Docket No. 44880

In Re: Georgia Power Company's Application for Certification of Biomass Power Purchase Agreements

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I. BACKGROUND

On July 29, 2022, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") Final Order concerning the 2022 IRP. The 2022 IRP Final Order amended and approved the Stipulation to include the procurement by Georgia Power Company (" Georgia Power" or "Company") of new biomass capacity and energy for its customers. In accordance with the 2022 IRP Final Order, the 2023 Biomass Request for Proposals ("RFP") sought to procure up to 140 megawatts ("MW") of new generation from projects that are fueled by biomass and have anticipated in-service dates in the June 2025 – 2029 timeframe.

On May 26, 2024, the Commission issued its Procedural and Scheduling Order ("PSO") in this matter. The PSO established the following application and testimony filing schedule:

June 4, 2024
Georgia Power shall file an application requesting certification of the Biomass PPA(s).

June 14, 2024
Georgia Power shall file direct testimony in Docket No. 44880 by 4:00 p.m.

June 26, 2024
Staff and Interveners shall file direct testimony in Docket No. 44880 by 4:00 p.m.

July 3, 2024
Georgia Power may file any pre-filed rebuttal testimony in Docket No. 44880 by 4:00 p.m.

The Chairman issues this order pursuant to Commission Rule 515-1-1-.02(3)

II. DISCUSSION

Georgia Power has informed this Commission that due to delays with the execution of the Biomass Power Purchase Agreements ("PPA") with third parties that the Company will not be able to timely file its application requesting certification of the Biomass PPA(s) in accordance with the filing schedule ordered in the PSO.

In light of these delays, it is prudent to suspend certain filing dates including the Company's June 4, 2024 application requesting certification filing deadline, the Company's June 14, 2024 direct testimony filing deadline, Staff and Intervenors' June 26, 2024 direct testimony filing deadline, and the Company's July 3, 2024 rebuttal testimony filing deadline. All other dates and provisions stated in the PSO remain in full effect. The filing dates will be rescheduled upon resolution of the Biomass PPA delays in the near future.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13 and Commission Rule 515-1-1-.02(3), and in furtherance of the orderly, efficient and expeditious resolution of this matter, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

A. The following filing deadlines originally ordered in Section III of the PSO shall be suspended:

1.	**June 4, 2024:**	Georgia Power shall file an application requesting certification of the Biomass PPA(s).
2.	**June 14, 2024:**	Georgia Power shall file direct testimony in Docket 44880 by 4:00 p.m.
3.	**June 26, 2024:**	Staff and Interveners shall file direct testimony in Docket No. 44880 by 4:00 p.m.
4.	**July 3, 2024:**	Georgia Power may file any pre-filed rebuttal testimony in Docket No. 44880 by 4:00 p.m.

All other dates and provisions stated in the PSO remain in full effect.

B. The filing dates will be rescheduled upon resolution of the Biomass PPA delays in the near future.

C. A motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

D. Jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as the Hearing Officer or the Commission may deem just and proper.

E. This Order Scheduling Hearing shall be served upon all Parties of record via e-mail and shall constitute Notice to the Parties of the briefing schedule stipulated in this review. Public notice of this schedule shall be given by the Commission on the Commission Calendar posted on the Commission's website.

SO ORDERED, this 4th day of June, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

6-4-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

6-4-24
Date