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ORDER SUSPENDING HEARING DATE

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 hearing schedule:

July 11, 2024

On July 11, 2024, immediately following Committee meetings, the Commission will convene the hearing in this docket. The Commission will hear applications to intervene, any objections thereto, and any appropriate motions concerning Georgia Power's pre-filed testimony. Following these motions, the Commission will conduct hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony. Immediately following hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony, the Commission will commence with

hearings on Commission PIA Staff and Interveners direct testimony. Thereafter, the Commission will hear any rebuttal testimony filed by Georgia Power.

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

II. DISCUSSION

In a June 4, 2024 Order, the application filing and testimony dates were suspended. Due to continued delays with the execution of the Biomass Power Purchase Agreements ("PPA") with third parties, the timing of when the Company will file its application requesting certification of the Biomass PPA(s) has not yet been determined.

In light of these delays, the Commission finds it prudent to suspend the July 11, 2024 hearing date. The Commission will reschedule all filing deadlines and hearing date 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 Commission shall suspend the following hearing date originally ordered in Section III of the PSO:

July 11, 2024, immediately following Committee meetings, the Commission will convene the hearing in this docket. The Commission will hear applications to intervene, any objections thereto, and any appropriate motions concerning Georgia Power's pre-filed testimony. Following these motions, the Commission will conduct hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony. Immediately following hearings on Georgia Power's direct testimony, the Commission will commence with hearings on Commission PIA Staff and Interveners direct testimony. Thereafter, the Commission will hear any rebuttal testimony filed by Georgia Power.

B. The Commission shall reschedule all dates that are suspended by this order and the June 2, 2024 Order upon resolution of the Company's 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 25th day of June, 2024.

Reece McAlister
Assistant Executive Secretary

6-25-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

6-25-24
Date