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**Docket No. 44280**

**ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS TO GEORGIA POWER COMPANY’S RULES AND REGULATIONS**

On December 11, 2024, Georgia Power Company (“ Company” or “Georgia Power”) filed a request for approval of revisions to the Company’s Rules and Regulations pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-25(a) in Docket Number 44280. The Company cited its unprecedented anticipated load growth and the need to protect customers in the event large projects do not materialize as the rationale behind this request. The rule changes apply to new customers with 100 megawatt (“MW”) or more of load connecting to Georgia Power’s system, requiring additional terms and conditions for those customers in order to allow the Company to appropriately assign costs to the customer. The proposed revisions allow for minimum billing requirements and longer contract term lengths for the new customers over 100 MW of load. The proposed revisions are in Section A (General Rules) and Section D (Transmission or Wholesale Distribution Line Extension and Service Connection Regulation) of the Company’s Rules and Regulations.

 The Georgia Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Staff (“Staff”) recommended approval with the below modifications:

* The Company shall exercise the discretion under the Rules and Regulations changes in a manner designed to protect existing customers from bearing any of the costs of adding these large customers.
* The Company shall provide Staff with the terms and conditions intended to implement the revisions to the Company’s rules and regulations, and the criteria for applying such terms and conditions, prior to utilizing them for contracting.
* The Company shall file the complete contract and associated exhibits, attachments, terms and conditions on all new contracts within 30 days of execution.
* The Company shall make a compliance filing of the relevant tariffs for applicable customers to reflect the changes to the rules and regulations.
* The Commission shall continue to review the issue and may modify the rules and regulations or take other actions necessary to protect the Company’s customers. Staff reserves the right to recommend further amendments to the Company’s rules and regulations.

At its January 23, 2025 Administrative Session, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Staff’s recommendation.

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**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED**, that the Commission hereby approves the revisions to the Company’s rules and regulations as requested by Georgia Power Company in its December 11, 2024 filing, as modified by Staff pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-25(a).

**ORDERED FURTHER**, the Company shall exercise the discretion under the Rules and Regulations changes in a manner designed to protect existing customers from bearing any of the costs of adding these large customers.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** the Company shall provide Staff with the terms and conditions intended to implement the revisions to the Company’s rules and regulations, and the criteria for applying such terms and conditions, prior to utilizing them for contracting.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** the Company shall file the complete contract and associated exhibits, attachments, terms and conditions on all new contracts within 30 days of execution.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** the Company shall make a compliance filing of the relevant tariffs for applicable customers to reflect the changes to the rules and regulations.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** the Commission shall continue to review the issue and may modify the rules and regulations or take other actions necessary to protect the Company’s customers.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that all findings, conclusions, statements, and directives made by the Commission and contained in the foregoing sections of this Order are hereby adopted as findings of fact, conclusions of law, statements of regulatory policy, and orders of this Commission.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that 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.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that jurisdiction over these matters 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 at its Administrative Session on the 23rd day of January 2025.

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Executive Secretary Chairman

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