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ORDER SETTING SCOPE AND BUDGET FOR SPECIALIZED TESTIMONY AND ASSISTANCE

Docket No. 56172

In Re: Georgia Power Company's 2025 Rate Case

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, for utility rate cases, the maximum fee shall not exceed $600,000, which shall be adjusted on an annual basis based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. For this docket, the inflation-adjusted fee shall not exceed $885,293 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.

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.

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. 56172. Accordingly, the Commission hereby sets forth the scope and budget for such assistance as described below. It is anticipated that additional consultants will be added for areas not yet under contract including, but not limited to, credit rating analyses.

Consultant 2025 Rate Case		Amount
Larkin & Associates		$ 213,500
Brubaker & Associates (ROE)		$ 52,500
Brubaker & Associates (COSS)		$ 42,500
J. Kennedy		$ 80,000
Wired Group		$ 139,700
PCMG		$ 35,525
Aegis Insight		$ 45,000
Larkin & Associates (ASR)		$ 90,900

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that Georgia Power Company shall be charged up to $885,293 for specialized assistance costs as described in this Order, and that Georgia Power Company shall promptly pay any Commission approved invoice for such specialized testimony and assistance.

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 this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as the Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in its Administrative Session on the 6th day of May, 2025.

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