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IN RE: ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY ("AGL") EXPERIMENTAL TARIFF GEORGIA SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ("SEED") CONTRACT UNDER RATE E-1

FINAL ORDER APPROVING AGL'S SEED CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH RAYONIER PERFORMANCE FIBERS, LLC

I. Background

During the March 9, 2009, Administrative Session, the Commission approved AGL's request for a SEED E-1 tariff as an experimental program. The SEED program had a limited duration of five years. During the June 7, 2011, Administrative Session, the Commission approved a SEED contract between AGL and the City of Atlanta.

During the February 19, 2015, Administrative Session, the Commission approved the renewal and extension of AGL's Rate E-1 tariff with no limited time duration. During the June 16, 2015, Administrative Session, the Commission approved an AGL petition for a SEED contract with Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC ("Rayonier") located in Jesup, Georgia, Wayne County. The approved contract was filed as trade secret and had a ten-year term. AGL provided services to Rayonier under the SEED tariff in Section 2.1(b) of the SEED Rate Schedule, SEED Class 2.

II. Filing of AGL Petition Seeking Approval of SEED Contract Extension Under Rate E-1 - Rayonier

On July 2, 2025, AGL filed a petition to extend the SEED contract with Rayonier. AGL discussed how the initial 2015 SEED contract supported Rayonier in increasing its capital investment in its operations, adding additional jobs, and expanding its use of natural gas. AGL's petition further explained how Rayonier accomplished these objectives over the past ten years. The proposed 2025 SEED contract was filed as trade secret.

III. Staff Analysis

The Staff reviewed the filed petition and the proposed 2025 SEED contract extension with Rayonier. While the contents of the contract are confidential, the contract terms are essentially the same as the original 2015 contract. On July 30, 2025, the Staff issued its 3rd Set of Data Requests in Docket No. 28871 to gather additional information regarding the SEED contract extension. The Staff reviewed the responses and found no material issues.

IV. Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law

During the September 4, 2025, Administrative Session, the Commission approved Staff's recommendation to extend the Rayonier SEED contract.

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V. Ordering Paragraphs

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Commission approves AGLC's SEED contract extension with Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC.

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 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 Administrative Session on the 4th day of September 2025.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

9-9-25
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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Date