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RE: Generic Proceeding to Implement House Bill 168

ORDER ENGAGING REINHARDT REGULATORY, LLC TO ASSIST COMMISSION STAFF WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSAL ACCESS FUND

On September 24, 2025, Reinhardt Regulatory, LLC ("Reinhardt Regulatory") offered to provide technical and administrative services to the Georgia Public Service Commission staff for the administration and operation of the Georgia Universal Access Fund ("UAF").

Staff recommended that the Commission engage Reinhardt Regulatory to provide the services outlined in its September 24, 2025 proposal. The UAF applicants are responsible for the cost of Reinhardt Regulatory's services. The amounts paid by a UAF applicant shall be deemed a necessary cost of providing service, and the UAF Applicant shall be entitled to recovery of the full amount of any costs charged to the utility. O.C.G.A. 46-2-33(c). As a necessary cost of service, the UAF applicant shall recover its cost as part of its UAF disbursement.

The Commission adopts Staff's recommendation.

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WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that Reinhardt Regulatory is hereby engaged to provide technical and administrative services to the Georgia Public Service Commission staff for the administration and operation of the Georgia Universal Access Fund for work to commence February 1, 2026.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the UAF applicants are responsible for the cost of Reinhardt Regulatory's services.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the amounts paid by a UAF applicant shall be deemed a necessary cost of providing service, and the UAF Applicant shall be entitled to recovery of the full amount of any costs charged to the utility. O.C.G.A. 46-2-33(c). As a necessary cost of service, the UAF applicant shall recover its cost as part of its UAF disbursement.

ORDERED FURTHER, that 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.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 7th day of October 2025.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

10-22-25
DATE

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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