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DOCKET NO. 44280

PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING ORDER

In Re: **Docket No. 44280: Georgia Power Company's 2022 Rate Case: Storm Damage Recovery Application**

I. BACKGROUND

Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") will file with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") its application to modify base rates for recovery of under-recovered storm damage pursuant to the July 31, 2025 Order Granting Joint Petition of Georgia Power Company and The Public Interest Advocacy Staff and Approval Of The Stipulation To Extend The Alternative Rate Plan. The Stipulation required:

> The Company will be allowed to recover actual reasonable and prudent storm damage cost incurred through December 31, 2025, that exceeds the amount of the annual storm damage accrual approved in the Order Adopting Settlement Agreement as Modified. The Company will file for the recovery of under-recovered storm damage cost no sooner than February 1, 2026 and no later than July 1, 2026, with new rates effective the 1st of the month following 90 days after the request for recovery. The Company's filing will include at a minimum pre-filed direct testimony and the documentation supporting the request for changes in the storm damage accrual as well as the proposed period over which to allow recovery of the under-recovered storm damage balance. The Commission shall determine the rates, the period over which under-recovered storm costs will be recovered, and any other issues the Commission deems necessary to address the limited issue of storm

damage cost recovery. The rate increase shall be applied to each traditional base rate on an equal percentage basis. The energy, demand, and basic service charge components shall all be adjusted equally; provided that the Company shall not apply any increase to the basic service charge for the domestic and small business rate groups. The Commission shall issue a final decision within 90 days of the Company's filing.

This Procedural and Scheduling Order is established to meet the requirements of the Stipulation to determine reasonable and prudent storm damage cost accrual and the resultant adjustments in base rates for recovery of under-recovered costs.

II. PRELIMINARY DIRECTIVES

The Commission orders this Procedural and Scheduling Order to establish discovery procedures and establish a hearing schedule. The Public Interest Advocacy ("PIA") Staff is appointed as the agent for the Commission for discovery purposes. Georgia Power Company is hereby made a party and shall be bound by the Commission's rulings in this docket and is directed to publish notice of this proceeding.

Pursuant to the Commission's Utility Rule 515-2-1-.04(3), Georgia Power is directed to give first notice of the proceedings in this docket no later than 30 days after filing its application.

These proceedings shall be considered as a contested case under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13. These proceedings also encompass complex litigation as that term is used in O.C.G.A. § 9-11-33(a) and discovery procedures apply accordingly.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13, this proceeding shall be considered a contested case. As such, the Commission hereby designates the following staff members to act as PIA Staff in this proceeding:

Tom Newsome
Rob Trokey
Benjamin Deitchman
Jason Forsythe
Blair Fink
William Threatt
Ruth Somuah
Jamie Barber
Justin Pawluk
Chris Collado

The PIA Staff shall be responsible for performing an independent evaluation of the filed case from the standpoint of promoting the public interest and just and reasonable rates and advocating for that position. The PIA Staff is considered a party to the case and may negotiate settlements with other parties, in the public interest.

The Commission hereby designates the following Staff members to act as Commissioner Advisory Staff in this proceeding:

Keimani Harvey
Steve Roetger
Mugendi Gitonga
Anna Vukmanovic
Shemetha Jones
Nick Cooper

The Commissioner Advisory Staff shall not be a party to this case but shall act as a technical advisor to the Commissioners and shall advise Commissioners upon request based exclusively on its own independent evaluation of the facts contained in the record.

The Commission authorizes the PIA Staff to issue discovery pursuant to O.C.G.A. 46-2-57(a). The PIA Staff may conduct depositions and use any other methods of formal and informal discovery in this docket. The use of any informal discovery methods shall not augment or abridge existing discovery rights and responsibilities. For purposes of this proceeding only, and without any intent to alter the rights of the Company and PIA Staff under O.C.G.A. § 9-11-33(a), Georgia Power agrees to shorten the response time for discovery to 20 days.

III. HEARING SCHEDULE, FILING DATES AND PROCEDURES

February 17, 2026

Georgia Power shall file its application and direct testimony for adjustments for the recovery of under-recovered storm damage by 4:00 p.m.

April 17, 2026

The Commission PIA Staff and other Intervenors shall file any direct testimony by 4:00 p.m.

April 30, 2026

Georgia Power Company may file any rebuttal testimony by 4:00 p.m.

Georgia Power shall also serve a copy of its rebuttal testimony to all parties of record by electronic mail.

May 13-14, 2026

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 13, 2026, 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 conduct hearings on any rebuttal testimony filed by Georgia Power. In the event that all of the testimony is not heard on May 13, 2026, the hearing will continue after the regularly scheduled Committee Meetings on May 14, 2026.

May 20, 2026

All briefs and/or proposed orders shall be filed by 4:00 p.m.

May 28, 2026

At the regularly scheduled Energy Committee Meeting, the Commission will hear from parties.

May 28, 2026

At a special Administrative Session, which begins following the Energy Committee Meeting, the Commission will render a Final Decision in this proceeding.

INTERVENTION AND HEARING PROCEDURES

The following are procedures to which the parties should adhere with respect to this docket.

1. Intervention

Intervention Period

(a) Any person or party, on whom a statute does not confer an unconditional right to intervene, must file an application for leave to intervene within 30 days following the first published notice of the proceeding. Pursuant to Rule 515-2-1-.04(3), Georgia Power will be directed to give first notice of its proceedings in this case not later than March 13, 2026.

Application Requirements

(b) In addition to the requirements prescribed by O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59 for applications for leave to intervene, the application must (1) identify other intervening parties or intervening party applications whose interest is similar to that of the applicant, along with an explanation of why the identified intervening party or intervening party applicant will not adequately represent the applicant's interest; and (2) state the applicant's present intention to submit direct testimony and by whom and on what subject. The requirements identified herein shall constitute a continuing obligation of the applicant or intervening party.

Late Applications for Intervention

(c) Any application for leave to intervene filed late must state the reason why such application was not submitted within 30 days of first published notice. Objections to late intervention applications must be filed in conformance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59-(d).

Rulings on Intervention Applications

(d) The Commission will take up and rule on applications for leave to intervene at the first hearing date set in this docket.

2. Service

Each party has the responsibility to serve copies of any documents filed with the Commission upon each intervenor and intervenor applicant. Furthermore, in the case of documents filed prior to the deadline for intervention established above, copies shall also be served upon each party indicated in the Certificate of Service accompanying this Order.

3. Witnesses' Testimony

(a) Summations of direct testimony will take no longer than fifteen (15) minutes or, at the discretion of the Commission, no longer than thirty (30) minutes.

(b) Summations should be limited to testimony and exhibits in the pre-filed testimony.

(c) Demonstrative handouts intended to be used during summations of the pre-filed testimony or in opening or closing statements, if applicable, must be pre-filed at least five (5) days prior to the hearing and must be limited to the scope of the testimony and exhibits in the pre-filed testimony.

(d) Except for good cause shown, corrections to testimony must be pre-filed at least five (5) days prior to the hearing.

(e) In the absence of a valid objection made and sustained to pre-filed testimony, the pre-filed testimony and exhibits, with corrections, will be admitted into the record as if orally given prior to the witness' summation, subject to a motion to strike after admission or other relevant objection.

f. Where the testimony of a panel of witnesses is presented, cross-examination may either be addressed to the panel, in which case any member of the panel may answer, or cross-examination may be addressed to an individual panel member, in which case that panel member shall give the answer; provided, however, that any other panel member shall be allowed to supplement the answer given.

g. Motions to strike any portion of pre-filed testimony must be filed at least two days prior to the hearing.

h. Any individual that presents testimony during this proceeding may not conduct cross examination of other parties.

4. **Hearing Exhibits**

For the record in all hearings, it shall be the responsibility of the parties sponsoring any hearing exhibits to ensure that the Hearing Reporter and all parties of record receive copies of the hearing exhibits at the time of introducing the exhibits at the hearings. (Exhibits filed with pre-filed testimony should already have been provided, as per Commission Rule 515-2-1-.04(3).)

Procedures and Forms for Making an Application to Intervene

Applications to intervene and Commission approval thereof are covered by Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 46-2-59, and the Commission's Utility Rule 515-2-1-.06. Each applicant

shall submit their application to intervene to the Commission, addressed to the Executive Secretary, Ms. Sallie Tanner, 244 Washington St. S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701.

In addition, each applicant shall submit a copy of their application to Georgia Power, and all other parties who have applied to intervene, and submit a Certificate of Service to the Commission certifying that these copies have been served on the other parties. To obtain a list of other applicants to intervene, contact Ms. Quawanda Boyer, Georgia Public Service Commission, 244 Washington St., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701, (Telephone: (404) 656-0977).

WHEREFORE, it is

ORDERED, that the procedures and schedules contained within this Procedural and Scheduling Order are hereby adopted by 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 this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in its Administrative Session on the 21st day of January 2026.

Sallie Tanner

SALLIE TANNER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1-21-26
Date

JASON SHAW
CHAIRMAN

1-21-26
Date