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IN RE: GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S 2025 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM RESOURCES

ORDER APPROVING FINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DOCUMENTS

On January 8, 2026, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") filed the Final Draft of Georgia Power's 2025 Request for Proposals ("RFP") for Energy Storage System ("ESS") Resources ("ESS 500 RFP") and Pro Forma Power Purchase Agreements ("PPA") for Paired Facility and Standalone + Paired with Existing Renewable Resource for Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") approval.

As approved by the Commission in its Order Adopting Stipulation in Docket No. 44160 regarding Georgia Power's 2022 Integrated Resource Plan ("2022 IRP Final Order"), Georgia Power will conduct a competitive solicitation to procure up to 500 megawatts ("MW") of ESS.

Georgia Power seeks ESS submissions for capacity, to meet an identified need, including ancillary services and all other facility attributes. A submission may offer any reliable ESS that can meet the firmness and dispatchability requirements of the ESS 500 RFP, including but not limited to Standalone ESS with grid charge capability and ESS with Renewable Resource (new or existing), with grid charge capability. Each ESS must have a minimum storage capacity of 30 MW at the point of interconnection and a discharge duration of at least two hours. Each PPA submission must offer 100% entitlement to the full input and output capability of the ESS.

Ascend Analytics will serve as the Independent Evaluator ("IE") for this solicitation. All communications and submission of bids will be through https://procure.ascendanalytics.com/ ("IE Website"). The evaluation of the bids received will focus on the bid's economic net benefits. Non-price factors such as impact on transmission interface capability and transmission delivery risk will also be used in evaluating bids.

Each bidder must submit with each bid a non-refundable bid fee of $20,000. A portion of each bid fee in the amount of $10,000 will be earmarked to offset IE costs. Bid fees will not be refunded (unless otherwise determined at the sole discretion of Georgia Power) for any modification or withdrawal from the ESS 500 RFP, rejection of any bid, or failure to execute an awarded contract. There will also be a winner's fee which will be calculated for each winning bid as the pro rata share for any remaining IE cost not covered by the bid fees and is based upon a winning bidder's MW-PPA Term basis for PPA(s) and a MW-Facility design life basis for Company-Owned Proposals ("COP"). In no event will the winner's fee exceed one million dollars.

For term lengths, bidders proposing PPAs for Standalone + Paired Existing Resources or Paired Facility PPA options can propose 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 annual periods.

Bid security will be due for bids that advance to the Competitive Tier. The bid security amount must equal $27/kilowatt ("kW") based on the storage device design capacity offered in the bid. If a bidder is participating in a concurrent Georgia Power RFP and offers the same facility in both RFPs, the bidder may post a single bid security that secures both bids.

On September 18, 2025, draft RFP, Pro Forma PPAs for Standalone + Paired Existing Resources and Paired Facility documents were posted to the IE Website to allow potential bidders the opportunity to submit comments and offer revisions to the documents. On September 29, 2025, Georgia Power held an in-person and virtual Bidders' Conference for potential bidders and interested parties to discuss the ESS 500 RFP process and draft RFP documents with Georgia Power, Commission Staff ("Staff"), and the IE. There were 63 total parties that attended the Bidders' Conference in-person or virtually. On October 16, 2025, the IE posted responses to 34 questions raised at the Bidders' Conference.

By the conclusion of the comment period on October 17, 2025, a total of approximately 290 comments (31 on the RFP and 258 on the proposed pro forma agreements) by approximately 16 commenters were received regarding the draft documents. Each of the comments received were reviewed by Staff, Georgia Power, and the IE and responses to the comments were provided to the commenters by the IE on December 22, 2025.

In response to several comments received concerning the calculation of battery energy storage system ("BESS") Performance Security, on December 15, 2025, Georgia Power provided a workbook template to calculate BESS Performance Security for this RFP which was posted to the IE website.

On January 8, 2026, the Final Draft of the RFP documents were filed with the Commission for consideration and approval and were subsequently posted to the IE Website. The Final Draft RFP documents reflect several modifications from the initial Draft ESS 500 RFP documents. The sections of the RFP documents that received the most comments were performance security and storage metrics, among others.

There were many comments received regarding bid security, upgrade security and performance security. The comments ranged from the amount of security being too high to the timing of when security is due. Several commenters requested that the length of time Georgia Power holds bid security be capped to prevent adding unexpected costs from delayed Short List selection. The Company stated that it cannot unilaterally delay Short List notification and any adjustment to the schedule must be made in consultation with Staff and the IE. Consistent with what was approved by the Commission in the Clean and Renewable Energy Subscription ("CARES") 2025 Utility Scale Renewable RFP, Georgia Power removed the requirement for bidders to post upgrade security from the ESS 500 RFP. Also, several commenters requested that the performance security calculation be made simpler. In order for bidder's to better understand the amount of performance security that is required per submission, Georgia Power provided an Excel workbook for calculating performance security which was posted to the IE Website. The resulting amount of performance security for projects in this RFP has been lowered from what would have been required for similar projects in prior RFPs.

Other areas of submitted comments focused on certain operational or technical requirements of the ESS 500 RFP regarding storage performance metrics, Automatic Generation Control ("AGC") performance metrics, and start up performance testing procedures. Regarding storage performance metrics, the Company did not make any substantive changes to the metrics in the initial ESS 500 RFP draft documents. The Company stated the metrics are designed to measure performance in real-world system conditions and to ensure that Georgia Power and its customers are shielded from possible damage. There were modifications made by the Company to address and incorporate bidder comments to provide clarity as to when the storage performance metrics would not be applicable. Also, Georgia Power modified the AGC performance metrics to clarify that the metrics would only apply when there are a statistically significant number of AGC signals and that defective or faulty equipment on the Company's side cannot harm the bidder's compliance with the AGC performance metrics. To further address bidders' concerns, Georgia Power modified the performance testing procedures to only require two full cycles of the BESS, rather than three, over a five-day period.

To address bidders' comments and concerns, the Company introduced the addition of modular BESS facilities and a revised storage performance reduction framework. Regarding the introduction of modular BESS facilities, the Company modified the RFP to allow submissions for partial BESS blocks comprising a modular BESS facility. This update allows bidders to bid in a submission that is a single generating facility from a transmission interconnection perspective but includes internal segmentation that supports independent operation of BESS blocks. The Company introduced a revised storage performance reduction framework to offer credit for solar energy if the BESS performance falls below the required minimum 60% threshold. This framework only applies to ESS submissions paired with a new solar resource.

To attempt to reduce the time from bid submission to certification, the Company released a Technical Pre-Screen Form on October 22, 2025. The Pre-Screen is voluntary, but bidders were strongly encouraged to submit technical data ahead of the opening of the ESS 500 RFP bid period as information provided in the Technical Pre-Screen will be automatically populated into the corresponding bid form. The data collected will be validated and evaluated by the Company's

Transmission evaluation team to help ensure each bid is properly structured for study under the competitive tier framework.

Each submission advanced to the Conforming List will be evaluated and ranked using a net generation cost analysis approach. Each Submission advanced to the Competitive Tier will be evaluated and ranked using a net total cost analysis approach. The net total cost is the net present value of the generation and transmission aspects of the Submission in dollars per kilowatt ($/kW) of capacity contribution. The generation cost is comprised of both the fixed cost associated with the submission and the variable cost associated with the operational parameters of the Submission, which will be used in production cost modeling simulations. For evaluation purposes, each submission with a Storage Device Discharge Duration of two hours will receive full capacity benefits. Georgia Power will give preference to submissions with a Storage Device Discharge Duration of two hours.

Staff worked with Georgia Power and the IE throughout the development of the Final Draft ESS 500 RFP document and Pro Forma PPAs Standalone + Paired Existing Resource and Paired Facility, in which several proposed modifications regarding concerns that were brought up during the comment period were addressed.

At the January 21, 2026 Administrative Session, the Commission directed Staff to meet with Georgia Power, the IE, and relevant parties to continue discussions on the proposed Final Draft RFP documents. Staff met with Georgia Power, the IE, and Advanced Power Alliance ("APA") twice to discuss APA's concerns in detail and Georgia Power's responses to such issues.

Following these meetings, Georgia Power Company agreed to a compromise on two issues:

1. Georgia Power Company agreed to revise the pro forma PPAs to remove Seller's option to conduct up to two additional supplemental Annual Round Trip Efficiency ("RTE") Tests and instead allow Seller to conduct up to one supplemental Annual RTE Test per Month during the 12-Month period after the Annual RTE Test if the resulting Annual RTE is below the Guaranteed RTE minus 0.01.

2. Georgia Power Company agreed to revise the pro forma PPAs to include an expedited initial review and Election Notice period specific to Excess Expenditures Notices concerning tariff impacts.

At the following Energy Committee on January 29, 2026, Staff recommended approval of the Final Draft RFP Documents with Georgia Power's proposed changes. In addition, Georgia Power will amend the solicitation schedule and incorporate the edits into the Final RFP Documents and will share with Staff for review before filing and posting to the IE Website.

The Commission approved Staff's recommendation at the February 3, 2026 Administrative Session.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the January 8, 2026 versions of the Final Draft 2025 Energy Storage System Renewable Request for Proposals, Pro Forma PPAs for Standalone + Paired Existing Resource and Paired Facility, as amended by Staff's recommendation, are hereby approved.

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 this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 3rd day of February 2026.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

2-5-26
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

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Date