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**IN RE: GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM**

ORDER APPROVING CARES DG AND CARES CIR PROGRAMS, TARIFFS, AND CUSTOMER AGREEMENTS

On February 6, 2026, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") filed an Application for Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") approval of the Clean and Renewable Energy Subscription ("CARES") Distributed Generation ("DG") and Customer Identified Resource ("CIR") Programs, tariffs (CARES DG-1 and CARES CR-1), and pro forma customer agreements (CARES DG Customer Agreement and CARES CIR Customer Agreement).

On July 31, 2025, the Order adopting Stipulation for Georgia Power's 2025 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") in Docket No. 56002 ("2025 IRP Final Order"), approved a target of 1,000 megawatts ("MW") of utility scale solar resources through one Request for Proposals ("RFP") and 100 MW of new DG solar and solar plus storage resources through two separate RFPs of 50 MW each. The Commission also approved the Company's plan to develop a CARES DG Program and a CIR Program, whereby if CARES customer subscription needs remain following the completion of Georgia Power's utility scale and DG RFPs, the Company will add a second phase to the renewable RFPs to allow new projects to be submitted that equal the average total net benefit of the portfolio of projects selected in the respective RFP.

The Stipulation approved in the 2025 IRP Final Order stated the following for the Supply Side Plan:

19. *The enhanced [CARES] program shall be approved, including the ability for participating customers up to 3 MW to subscribe to DG resources smaller than 6 MW and the opportunity for residential customers to subscribe through the DG Community Solar Program. The Company will make quarterly filings which will provide the current level of DG Community Solar Program subscriptions, by month.*

20. *The Company's proposed enhancements to the CARES Utility Scale Program, including the option to procure from customer-identified renewable resources, shall be approved. The customer-identified renewable resource option shall begin in Phase 2 of the CARES 2025 RFP and multiple customers will be allowed to bring forward a single customer-identified resource for procurement.*

On August 5, 2025, in Docket No. 45084, the Commission approved certain revisions to the CARES Program Customer Agreements to incorporate necessary updates due to changes made to the CARES 2023 Utility Scale RFP Power Purchase Agreements (“PPAs”) approved by the Commission.

The most significant change to the customer agreements was to the pricing. The update includes assumed cost impacts to the renewable facilities in the CARES Portfolio for potential changes in certain tariffs and laws that may occur after the effective date of the customer agreement. If these costs are ultimately not incurred, Georgia Power will adjust the CARES Portfolio price to account for any savings. Other changes were made to adjust a customer's subscription level if other customer subscription allocations are declined, ramping of subscription levels over the first year of the term, and protection from oversubscriptions.

On December 18, 2025 the Commission approved Georgia Power's request for approval of the CIR Addendum to the CARES 2025 Utility Scale RFP for Renewable Generation, which includes Addendum Exhibit 1 (Customer-Identified Resource PPA Addendum) and outlines revisions to the three pro forma CARES 2025 PPAs which include Energy Only, Energy with

Storage, and Carbon Free Energy Around the Clock (“CFE-ATC”) Resources. The PPA revisions removed compensation for Short-Term Network Service Curtailment and changes of law impacting tariffs or tax credits. Instead, developers who participate in CIR may partner with customers and negotiate recovery of these costs through separate contracting arrangements.

Commission Staff (“Staff”) met with Georgia Power, Advanced Power Alliance (“APA”), Clean Energy Buyers Association (“CEBA”), and Southern Renewable Energy Association (“SREA”) on February 20, 2026 and on March 2, 2026 to discuss Georgia Power’s proposed CARES DG and CIR Programs, tariffs, and pro forma customer agreements. The issues receiving the most feedback were (1) the sharing of excess hourly energy credits between participating customers and all retail customers for the Variable Pricing Option of both programs and (2) no compensation for Short-Term Network Service. As filed, participating Commercial and Industrial customers would pay a monthly tariff charge in exchange for hourly credits equal to Georgia Power’s hourly operating costs of incremental generation in an amount based on the customer’s subscription level. If the hourly credit in any hour exceeds the variable price, Georgia Power will implement a shared savings approach under which: (i) participating customers will receive 50% of the excess credit; and (ii) all retail customers will receive 50% of the excess credit through the fuel cost recovery process.

Staff recommended approval of the CARES DG and CIR Programs, tariffs (CARES DG-1 and CARES CR-1), and pro forma customer agreements (CARES DG Customer Agreement and CARES CIR Customer Agreement), with the following modifications:

1. In the Company’s proposed CARES DG-1 and CARES CR-1 tariffs, modify the shared excess credit savings approach, so that: (i) participating customers under the applicable program will receive 75% (modified from 50%) of the excess credit; and (ii) all retail customers will receive 25% (modified from 50%) of the excess credit through the fuel cost recovery process. This change will better motivate customers to participate in the CARES DG and CIR Programs while still sharing potential savings with all retail customers.

2. In the General Terms and Conditions section, delete the following sentence, “Georgia Power reserves the right to terminate any or all contracts and this tariff at any time and without penalty, at Georgia Power’s discretion.”.

The Commission approved Staff’s recommendation at the April 7, 2026 Administrative Session.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that Georgia Power’s February 6, 2026 filing which includes the CARES DG and CIR Programs, the CARES DG-1 and CARES CR-1 tariffs, and the pro forma customer agreements (CARES DG Customer Agreement and CARES CIR Customer Agreement), as amended by Staff’s recommendation, are hereby approved.

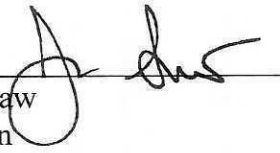
ORDERED FURTHER, that all findings, conclusions, statements, and directives made by the Commission and contained in the foregoing sections of this Order are hereby adopted as findings of fact, conclusions of law, statements of regulatory policy, and orders of this Commission.

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 7th day of April 2026.


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Executive Secretary


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Chairman

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