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Sustainable Newton, Sara and Randall ("Randy") Vinson, and Theodosia and William ("Billy") Wade,	)	
Petitioners,	)	Docket No. 57243
v.	)	
VoltaGrid, LLC,	)	
Respondent.	)	

FIRST AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF HEARING AND SCHEDULING ORDER

The Notice of Hearing and Scheduling Order ("Notice") in this docket was issued on August 24, 2026. On October 2, 2026, Petitioners, pursuant to Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11, challenged VoltaGrid's trade secret designation on discovery material and moved the Commission for access to information withheld by VoltaGrid as "trade secret." VoltaGrid filed its opposition brief to Petitioner's motion on October 14, 2026.

Under Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11(3), any party or intervenor in a docket, upon a petition for access to protected information submitted to the Commission pursuant to this rule, is entitled to a hearing from the Commission to consider the request. Similarly, under Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11(7), any party or intervenor in a docket, upon a motion challenging the designation of "trade secret," is entitled to a hearing and in-camera inspection by the Commission.

As the proper and lawful facilitation of discovery among parties is necessary for the efficient and expeditious conduct of the hearing, the Hearing Officer hereby amends the existing scheduling order as follows to accommodate a hearing on Petitioners' challenge and motion:

October 29, 2026 The Hearing Officer will hear Petitioners' challenge of trade secret information and request for access to trade secret information immediately following the Commission's regularly scheduled Committees.

November 13, 2026 An original and two (2) copies of any rebuttal to such direct testimony must be filed by any Party desiring to file such rebuttal testimony.

November 24, 2026 The Parties are to confer in advance of the Pre-Hearing Conference, and exchange documents proposed to be used at hearing as exhibits.

December 2, 2026 Objections to pre-filed testimony and exhibits must be filed.

December 4, 2026 Pre-Hearing Conference, 2:00PM. The Parties shall confer via conference call by December 4, 2026, in a good faith attempt to reach an agreement as to admissibility of any documents or tangible items intended to be offered into evidence.

December 9, 2026 The Hearing Officer, beginning at 10:00AM, will conduct a hearing in this proceeding.

By 4:00PM on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, Petitioners and VoltaGrid are instructed to 1) identify any witnesses and 2) file an agreed protective agreement. If the parties cannot agree on the language, each may file their own competing agreement. The hearing on the above-referenced issues is scheduled in the main hearing room located at 244 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334, on Thursday, October 29, 2026, immediately following the Commission's regularly scheduled Committees. To the extent parties intend to present witnesses at the hearing, witnesses may present their testimony verbally and will be subject to cross-examination. As

VoltaGrid bears the burden of proving that the information constitutes a trade secret, as well as proving that the potential for economic harm outweighs the public benefit of allowing access, VoltaGrid shall present its witnesses first. Following the presentation of any witness, the Commission shall hear oral argument. Argument shall be no longer than 15 minutes per side unless otherwise ordered by the Hearing Officer. VoltaGrid shall present its oral argument first and may reserve up to five minutes of its time for response. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Hearing Officer will consider a decision on this matter.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13, and in furtherance of the orderly, efficient, and expeditious resolution of this matter:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that this First Amendment to Notice of Hearing and Scheduling Order shall be served upon all Parties of record via email and shall constitute Notice to the Parties of the ultimate issues to be decided after hearing pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-13(a). Public notice of this hearing shall be given by the Commission on the Commission Calendar posted on the Commission website.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Hearing Officer hereby adopts and issues the schedule, procedures, and statements from the Notice, as amended by this First Amendment to Notice of Hearing and Scheduling Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, 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, jurisdiction over these matters is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as the Hearing Officer or the Commission may deem just and proper.

SO ORDERED, this 22nd day of October, 2026.

Chris Collado
Hearing Officer