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IN RE: CAPACITY AND ENERGY PAYMENTS TO COGENERATORS UNDER PURPA

ORDER APPROVING UPDATED STATE-JURISDICTIONAL QUALIFYING FACILITY TRANSMISSION GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES

In an Order dated May 24, 2022, the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") approved Georgia Power Company's ("Georgia Power" or "Company") State-Jurisdictional Qualifying Facility ("QF") Transmission Generator Interconnection Procedures ("SJQF-TGIP"), QF Distribution Generator Interconnection Procedures, and corresponding Transmission QF Interconnection Agreement and Distribution QF Interconnection Agreement templates. This Order requires that any modifications or updates to the State-Jurisdictional QF procedures or templates that are made as a matter of routine business practice shall be posted on Georgia Power Company's website.

On November 5, 2026, Georgia Power filed a request for Commission approval to update the SJQF-TGIP. The updates would convert the QF interconnection process from a largely individual, request-driven, serial study framework into a formal annual cluster study process. Southern Company's State-Jurisdictional QF Transmission Generator Interconnection Study Process ("SJQF-TGISP"), which was incorporated into Georgia Power's Commission approved SJQF-TGIP by reference, stated that interconnection requests may be studied serially or in clusters.

Georgia Power, in the November 5th filing, stated that for ease of review and administration, the revised SJQF-TGIP combined the interconnection procedures and study process document into one document. The revised SJQF-TGIP provides QFs instructions on how to request interconnection and describes how the Company will study state jurisdictional QF interconnection requests going forward. The revised procedures mirror many of Southern Company's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") approved annual cluster study processes.

The primary changes to the procedures include establishing a recurring annual study cycle as a gated, cluster process. Under the new process, there will be a defined window for submittal, validation, and curing of requests. There will also be defined site-control milestones for the facility and all interconnection sites prior to the QF interconnection agreement ("QFIA") finalization and execution. A formal engagement window will be established for a pre-study period to hold scoping meetings, confirm the points of interconnection, address concerns, and collect necessary deposits before the cluster process begins. New procedures have been added to address multiple interconnections on a single line, allowing the Company to resolve conflicts and require alternate configurations to enable projects.

The updated procedures should improve study planning and administrative control by batching QF projects into an annual cycle. For developers, the timing will be defined and predictable because of the certainty and clarity regarding the parameters and schedule. Projects with shared interconnection facilities and necessary system upgrades will have defined allocation rules and create potential for cost sharing between projects to lower individual project cost. The updated procedures will require that site control for generator facility and interconnection facilities sites must be provided before QFIA finalization and execution.

There are many aspects of the current process that will remain in place such as the cost of the application deposit, study deposit tiers, as well as the true-up and refund provisions. The treatment of interconnection facilities, refundable network upgrades, and affected system upgrade responsibilities will also remain the same.

Commission Staff ("Staff") met with the Company to discuss the Company's proposed changes to the SJQF-TGIP, understand the impact to the current procedures, and assess the effect to future QF projects. Staff reviewed the updated procedures and recommended approval of Georgia Power's request to update the SJQF-TGIP which would effectuate a change to the state jurisdictional QF interconnection study process from a serial to a cluster study.

The Commission approved Staff's recommendation at the November 17th, 2026 Administrative Session.

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WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Georgia Power Company's updated State-Jurisdictional Qualifying Facility Transmission Generator Interconnection Procedures is 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 17th day of November 2026.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

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