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**GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S 2016 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AND  
GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S GREEN ENERGY PROGRAM**

**ORDER APPROVING GEORGIA POWER COMPANY'S COMMUNITY SOLAR  
PROGRAM AND RELATED TARIFF**

On August 2, 2016 the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") as part of the Order Adopting Stipulations for this docket, approved a three megawatt ("MW") community solar program. On April 11, 2017 Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power" or "Company") requested approval of its proposed Community Solar ("CS") Program and related tariff CS-1. The CS program will provide residential customers with an opportunity to support the development of solar power in Georgia by purchasing a monthly subscription. With this subscription, the customer will receive a bill credit based on the production of the Company-owned solar facilities that will be used to support the CS program. The solar facilities, to be sited near Athens, Georgia and in Savannah, Georgia, were approved by the Commission on May 16, 2017.

The Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") generated from these facilities will be retired on behalf of the participating CS customers. All Georgia Power customers will benefit from the RECs from any unsubscribed portion of the CS facilities. Any Residential customer receiving electric service through the standard residential rate is eligible to participate in the CS program. The cost will be \$24.99 per month for one kilowatt ("kW") block up to the maximum subscription level equal to the lesser of (a) the customer's average monthly energy consumption over the 12-months preceding enrollment divided by the estimated monthly average production of a one (1) kW block subscription or (b) ten (10) kW blocks. The pricing for the CS Program is designed to ensure that non-participant

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customers do not subsidize customers participating in the CS Program. Customers that sign up for the CS program will sign up for an initial 12-month subscription, with a monthly subscription thereafter.

The customer's bill will show the customer's pro-rata share of the CS facilities production in kWh during a given month, which will offset the customer's usage. Customers will continue to be charged for their remaining monthly usage, including the demand-side management, fuel cost recovery, nuclear construction cost recovery and environmental compliance cost recovery schedules, at the existing residential retail rate. The municipal franchise fee schedule and taxes will continue to apply to the entire bill. In the event a customer's pro-rata share of the CS facilities production is greater than the electric consumption during the month, the customer will receive a credit for the excess generation as specified in the Part II category of Georgia Power's Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources (RNR) tariff.

The CS program is not designed to produce credits in excess of a customer's usage and a customer should anticipate the CS program charges will exceed the value of any bill credits received. In the event that any bill credits are received, such credits can only be used to offset customer charges for electric service within the month the credits are produced and cannot be monetized or transferred.

Staff recommended approval of the Company's proposed Community Solar Program and related CS-1 tariff.

The Commission adopted Staff's recommendation at the June 6, 2017 Administrative Session.


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**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED**, that Georgia Power Company's proposed Community Solar Program and related CS-1 tariff is hereby approved.

**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.

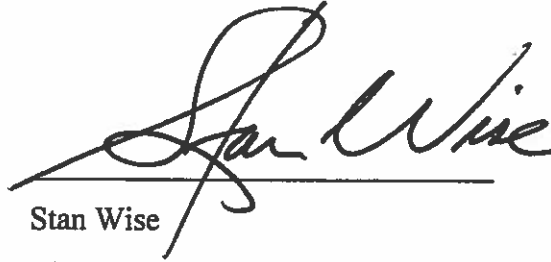
**ORDERED FURTHER**, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above action was taken by the Commission in Administrative Session on the 6th day of June, 2017.



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Executive Secretary

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Date



Stan Wise  
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