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MOTION for R-4, Docket No. 16573, Georgia Power Company's Green Energy Program

1. Georgia Power Company's request to approve the proposed "GE-4" tariff as filed is hereby denied.
2. Increase the solar capacity cap by 1000kW for the premium pricing through RNR to 2500kW. These costs will be included in the Green Energy Program and are not projected to put upward rate pressure on non-participants. Fifteen percent of this additional capacity shall be reserved for residential and commercial applications with generating capacity of 25kW or less. The remaining eighty-five percent of the additional capacity shall be reserved for commercial and industrial applications greater than 25kW.
3. Increase the percentage of energy in the Premium Green Energy product produced from solar resources to at least 50 percent.
4. The rate for the Premium Green Energy Product shall be \$5.00 per block.
5. The rate for the Standard Green Energy Product shall remain at \$3.50 per block.
6. A benchmark participation level in the Premium Green Energy product shall be the number of Premium Green Energy blocks subscribed per month as of December 31, 2009. The benchmark participation number is 2337 blocks, including Warner Robins.
7. Threshold subscription levels shall be set above the benchmark participation such that each time a new Threshold level is reached, the solar capacity cap shall be increased by 100 kW above the 2500kW established above. Fifteen percent of this additional capacity shall be reserved for residential and commercial applications with generating capacity of 25kW or less. The remaining eighty-five percent of the additional capacity shall be reserved for commercial and industrial applications greater than 25kW. If the solar capacity cap has not been reached for projects 25kW or less, the requirement for an eighty-five/fifteen percent split may be waived by Georgia Power.

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8. The formula for the Threshold participation level per 100 kW increase in the cap shall be: = [(Increase in Cap) kW x 8760Hrs/yr x .15] divided by (12 months x 100kWh/block) divided by (Percent Solar in the Premium Product). With 50% of the energy in the Premium Product coming from solar energy, the Threshold participation level is 219 blocks subscribed per 100kW increase in the cap.
9. In order to mitigate the financial impact of the additional solar energy purchases to the Green Energy Program, the premium purchase price offered for solar energy through the RNR tariff shall be de-linked from the Company's projected avoided cost. The price for the single-directional metering option through RNR shall be fixed at 17.00¢. Future price adjustments will be based on solar equipment market conditions, not the Company's avoided cost. The Company, working with Commission Staff, will evaluate the solar price offering annually based on market conditions, and a solar cost index. The Company will periodically propose a new "Solar Purchase Price" for premium purchases through the RNR tariff that will apply to the term of any new contract.
10. From this point forward, the avoided energy cost benefit to the Green Energy Program from solar resources will be based on solar avoided energy cost filed with the Commission.
11. The Company will continue to work with the Commission Staff to consider the merits of valuing the capacity benefit provided by distributed solar generating resources.