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Georgia Public Service Commission Faces Busy and Challenging Case Load in 2019

ATLANTA, January 28, 2019 – The Georgia Public Service Commission will face an unprecedented number of major proceedings and rate cases in 2019, beginning with the filing of Georgia Power Company’s Integrated Resource Plan on January 31. Both investor owned utilities, the Georgia Power Company and the Atlanta Gas Light Company, are expected to ask for increases in their base rates. The Commission will also continue to hold hearings on the Plant Vogtle Construction Monitoring Report and conduct hearings on the Atlanta Gas Light Company Capacity Supply Plan and Liberty Utilities’ Gas Supply Plan.

“Our staff will be pushed and our staff will be challenged,” said Commission Chairman Lauren “Bubba” McDonald. “Our staff will be occupied with analyzing and reviewing these rate cases, supervising our outside consultants and preparing testimony for the hearings. Our small staff of utility analysts and engineers as well as support staff will be incredibly busy.”

The Commission will designate two staff sections to consider these contested cases.

1. The Public Interest Advocacy Staff. The Public Interest Advocacy Staff is responsible for performing an independent evaluation of the filed case from the standpoint of promoting the public interest and advocating for that position. The Public Interest Advocacy Staff is considered a party to the case and may negotiate settlements with other parties, in the public interest.
2. Advisory Staff. The Commissioner Advisory Staff is not a party to this case, but will act as a technical advisor to the Commissioners. They will make recommendations to the Commission based exclusively on their own independent evaluation of the facts contained in the record.

The anticipated cases are as follows:

1. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The Georgia Power Company is expected to file its forecast for the Company’s projected energy resources needed to serve its customers for the next 20 years. Once the Commission determines the fee as allowed by statute the Commission has 120 days to render a decision. (O.C.G.A. §46-3A-2(c))
2. Georgia Power rate case. The Company is expected to file its request for a change in its base rates on July 1, 2019. State law requires the Commission to issue a decision within six months. (O.C.G.A. §46-2-26) Georgia Power base rates have been frozen since 2014.
3. Georgia Power Vogtle Construction Monitoring (VCM) Report. The Company is expected to file its 20th VCM Report on February 28, 2019 and file its 21st VCM report on August 31, 2019.
4. Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) rate case. AGLC is expected to file a base rate case on June 1, 2019. AGLC has not filed a rate case since 2010.

- 5. AGL Capacity Supply Plan and Liberties Utilities Gas Supply Plan. These are plans that detail how the utilities will ensure natural gas customers in Georgia have adequate supplies of natural gas to meet their needs. These cases will be heard in the fall of 2019.

The following is the Commission Case Calendar for 2019 with hearing and decision meeting dates:

APRIL

GPC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

- Monday, April 8, 2019
- Tuesday, April 9, 2019
- Wednesday, April 10, 2019

MAY

20th Vogtle Construction Monitoring (VCM) Report

- Wednesday, May 8, 2019

GPC IRP

- Monday, May 13, 2019
- Tuesday, May 14, 2019
- Wednesday, May 15, 2019
- Thursday, May 16, 2019

JUNE

GPC IRP

- Tuesday, June 11, 2019
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019

GPC 20th VCM

- Thursday, June 27, 2019

JULY

No hearings

AUGUST

GPC 20th VCM

- Thursday, August 1, 2019

SEPTEMBER

Atlanta Gas Light (AGL) Rate Case

- Tuesday, September 10, 2019
- Wednesday, September 11, 2019
- Thursday, September 12, 2019

Liberty Utilities Gas Supply Plan/AGL Capacity Supply Plan

- Tuesday, September 17, 2019

AGL Capacity Supply Plan

- Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Special Administrative Session: AGA Capacity Supply Plan & Liberty Utilities Gas Supply Plan

- Thursday, September 26, 2019

GPC 2019 Rate Case

- Monday, September 30, 2019

OCTOBER

GPC 2019 Rate Case

- Tuesday, October, 2019
- Wednesday, October 2, 2019

AGL Rate Case

- Wednesday, October 23, 2019
- Thursday, October 24, 2019

NOVEMBER

GPC 2019 Rate Case

- Monday, November 4, 2019
- Tuesday, November 5, 2019
- Wednesday, November 6, 2019

GPC 21st VCM

- Tuesday, November 12, 2019
- Wednesday, November 13, 2019

AGL Rate Case

- Thursday, November 21, 2019
- Friday, November 22, 2019

GPC 2019 Rate Case

- Monday, November 25, 2019
- Tuesday, November 26, 2019

DECEMBER

GPC 21st VCM

- Wednesday, December 11, 2019
- Thursday, December 12, 2019

The Georgia Public Service Commission is a five-member constitutional agency that exercises its authority and influence to ensure that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced telecommunications, electric and natural gas service from financially viable and technically competent companies.

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