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### NEWS RELEASE

## Bigger Savings for Ratepayers: Commission Approves Stipulation on Fuel, Storm Damage cases

May 28, 2026 – (ATLANTA) – In a deal that will save ratepayers more than three times what was previously expected, the Georgia Public Service Commission unanimously approved a stipulated agreement Thursday on Georgia Power’s fuel recovery and storm damage recovery cases.

Early last year, the Commission placed a three-year rate freeze on Georgia Power. The only exceptions to the freeze were an outstanding fuel case and a case regarding storm damage recovery, mostly from Hurricane Helene.

In a deal reached earlier this month between Georgia Power and the PSC’s Public Interest Advocacy Staff, the utility agreed to cut \$13 million from its fuel recovery estimates and agreed to several cost-cutting measures that – combined – reduced the average homeowner’s bill by \$4.03 per month. This is significantly more savings than the \$1.32 monthly bill reduction Georgia Power estimated when it first filed its fuel case and storm damage cases earlier this year. These numbers represent an estimate calculated by Georgia Power for homes using 1,000 kWh per month. Savings for ratepayers will vary significantly based on usage, billing plans, etc.

Stipulated agreements between staff and Georgia Power are common in PSC dockets and are considered an effective tool to ensure fair results for ratepayers.

Per Georgia Code [§ 46-2-26\(c\), \(d\)](#), if Georgia Power proves the money it spent on fuel is “just and reasonable,” that cost can be passed to the ratepayers. The PSC, however, can adjust that recovery to ensure the fuel purchases were made prudently and legally. Likewise, the PSC works to ensure money spent on storm recovery was spent prudently and legally.

“After recent rate increases caused by inflation, the war in Ukraine and other global phenomenon, it’s great to be able to offer some relief to Georgia Power ratepayers,” said Commission Chair Jason Shaw.

Commissioner Tricia Pridemore said she wanted to give some much-deserved recognition to all those who helped Georgia restore power after Hurricane Helene.

“I want to thank the hundreds of line workers and system restoration professionals for their extraordinary hard work in the Hurricane Helene recovery,” she said. “Electricity is a foundation of our lives and many won’t truly respect it until it’s not there. Your work got Georgia moving again after the greatest hurricane in state history. Thank you.”

Commissioner Lauren “Bubba” McDonald Jr. said he hopes the savings approved Thursday will offer some help to cash strapped Georgians.

“The most difficult and most important task for the PSC is ratemaking,” he said. “Between the three-year rate freeze that runs through 2028 and the savings we passed today, I am glad we can offer some relief to Georgia ratepayers.”

Link to a copy of the stipulation: <https://psc.ga.gov/search/facts-document/?documentId=226544>

Some key points are summarized below.

#### Fuel Case:

- 1) Georgia Power agrees to a fuel balance reduction of \$13 million off of its original request. During last week’s hearings, staff had argued for \$19 million for outage disallowances.
- 2) The Commission will schedule a separate hearing to review the methods Georgia Power uses to credit Real Time Pricing (RTP) revenue to the fuel cost recovery costs. This hearing will conclude by December of this year. The Commission can make modifications if appropriate. If the Commission decides to move allocations from base rates to fuel, Georgia Power could accrue a base rate Regulatory Asset for dollars moved. This would allow fuel costs to be lower for non-RTP customers. Georgia Power could seek recovery of the asset in the next rate case, and staff and intervenors would have the ability to argue that recovery of the asset should only come from large customers (i.e. data centers).
- 3) Hedging will be limited to 20 percent, with a maximum hedge window of 36 months.
- 4) Georgia Power will file the next fuel case no later than February 28, 2029.

#### Storm Damage Case:

- 1) The amortization of storm recovery costs will be increased to 67 months.
- 2) An additional \$29 million of capital will be transferred from the storm damage regulatory asset to plant in service.
- 3) Staff and Georgia Power will meet to discuss industry best practices for storm response, cost recovery, and accounting best practices and report to the Commission. They will also meet to review and potentially modify record keeping for documenting storm damage costs and procedures for incremental costs and capitalization.
- 4) These adjustments will reduce Georgia Power’s revenue requirement of \$270 million to \$109 million.

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