

## ***Customer Renewable Supply Procurement (CRSP) Program Frequently Asked Questions:***

### **Q. Why is Georgia Power offering this program?**

As part of the Company's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), the Georgia Public Service Commission (GPSC) authorized Georgia Power to procure 1,000 megawatts (MW) of renewable resources for subscription by Commercial and/or Industrial (C&I) customers, including Municipalities, Universities, Schools and Hospitals, through the CRSP Program. Participating customers may purchase a monthly subscription in exchange for receiving hourly credits on their bill based on the production of a portfolio of renewable facilities procured by Georgia Power to supply the CRSP Program (CRSP Portfolios).

### **Q. How will the CRSP Portfolios be procured?**

Georgia Power currently plans to procure 1,000 MW of renewable resources to supply the CRSP Portfolios through two separate utility scale renewable request for proposals (RFP) processes. Georgia Power expects to issue the 2022/2023 utility scale renewable RFP in 2020 and the 2023/2024 utility scale renewable RFP in 2021.

### **Q. Where will the renewable facilities supplying each of the CRSP Portfolios be located?**

Because the renewable facilities supplying the CRSP Portfolios will be procured through Georgia Power's RFP processes, the Company does not yet know the geographic location, resource technology type, or size of the selected projects. Georgia Power's renewable RFPs do not restrict where a renewable facility can be located; however, winning projects in recent RFPs have been located in Georgia.

### **Q. Which Georgia Power customers can participate in the program and what are the subscription options available to them?**

Georgia Power is offering two subscription options for customers to participate in the CRSP Program: (1) Existing Customer program, and (2) New Load program.

For the Existing Customer program, any existing C&I customer with a peak demand (load) of three (3) MW or greater located in the Georgia Power service territory may participate in the CRSP Program. C&I customers with more than one existing premises may aggregate peak demands at multiple premises, provided the aggregated peak demand is greater than three (3) MW and the premises are under common ownership or under common control. Six hundred

(600) MW of the 1,000 MW allotted for the CRSP Program have been reserved for the Existing Customer program. Georgia Power will seek to procure 300 MW in each of its utility scale renewable RFPs for this portion of the program. Interested customers will have two separate opportunities to participate and may submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) Application during one or both of the two NOI Submission Periods.

For the New Load program, any new or existing C&I customer with an incremental new load addition of 15 MW or greater in the Georgia Power service territory may participate in the CRSP Program. New customers interested in participating in the New Load program must execute a Request for Electric Service to select Georgia Power as its electric service provider prior to being eligible for participation. C&I customers expecting to add new load at more than one premises may aggregate loads at multiple premises, provided the premises are under common ownership or under common control. Four hundred (400) MW have been reserved for the New Load portion of the CRSP Program; however, this subscription capacity will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Therefore, availability during the second and final NOI Submission Period will depend upon customer interest received through the first NOI Submission Period.

**Q. For customers interested in the New Load program, when must the new load be added to Georgia Power's system?**

New or existing C&I customers interested in the up to 400 MW of subscription capacity available for the New Load portion of the CRSP Program must have plans to add the new load prior to the latest required commercial operation date of the projects in the CRSP Portfolio from which the customer's subscription is served. For example, projects eligible for Georgia Power's 2022/2023 utility scale renewable RFP, a portion of which will supply the first CRSP Portfolio, are expected to have a required commercial operation date in late 2023.

**Q. How will the CRSP Program pricing for participating customers be developed?**

Georgia Power has developed a pricing methodology for this tariffed program (CRSP Portfolio Price), which is comprised of the levelized weighted average of the supply costs of the applicable CRSP Portfolio, the levelized additional sum, and an administrative fee. Additional explanation of the CRSP Program pricing can be found in the CRSP tariff (for the Existing Customer program) and the CRSP-NL tariff (for the New Load program). A customer that submits a completed NOI Application will be notified of the CRSP Portfolio Price prior to entering a Customer Agreement.

**Q. How will the hourly credits per kilowatt-hour (kWh) be determined?**

A participating customer will receive hourly credits based on the customer's pro-rata share of the hourly amount of energy produced by the CRSP Portfolio. The hourly credits represent the Company's hourly operating costs of incremental generation and will vary on an hourly basis.

**Q. What is the value of the hourly credits a participating customer can receive under this program?**

The Company's hourly operating costs of incremental generation represents the value the energy produced from the CRSP Portfolio provides to Georgia Power's electric system in a given hour. As such, this value fluctuates hourly based on factors such as weather, electricity demand, generation resource availability, fuel/commodity prices, and other system variables.

**Q. What is the minimum Customer Agreement term that a participating customer must commit to in order to participate in the program?**

Participation in the CRSP Program requires a customer to enter a Customer Agreement with Georgia Power for a minimum term of ten (10) years. The Customer Agreement may be reviewed along with other CRSP Program documents in Docket No. 42958 on the GPSC's website (<https://www.psc.state.ga.us>).

**Q. How long may a participating customer remain in the program?**

A participating customer may remain in the CRSP Program for the term of its Customer Agreement. A customer may select a Customer Agreement with a minimum ten (10) year term, with longer term options available in five (5) year increments, up to a thirty (30) year term. However, the CRSP Portfolio Price is a fixed price that will not vary during the contract term, regardless of term length selected.

**Q. What is the maximum subscription level a participating customer may sign up for?**

Customer Subscription Levels are limited to 100% of the customer's preceding year's annual total energy consumption (for the Existing Customer program) or 100% of the customer's projected annual total energy consumption (for the New Load program) for each premises considered for participation. However, if Georgia Power receives more than 600 MW of customer interest in the Existing Customer portion of the CRSP Program, then the Company will allocate capacity among interested customers pro rata, such that a customer's final Subscription Level may be less than what was originally requested in its NOI Application. In contrast, the 400 MW available for the New Load portion of the CRSP Program will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

**Q. How much renewable energy production does Georgia Power expect from the CRSP Portfolio on an hourly basis?**

Georgia Power cannot predict the production level of the facilities included in the CRSP Portfolios. The hourly production of each CRSP Portfolio will vary based on geographic location, resource technology type, and size of the facilities selected to supply the program.

**Q. What happens to the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) generated by the CRSP Portfolio?**

Georgia Power will retire the RECs on behalf of participating customers.

**Q. How does an interested customer participate?**

Interested customers must provide notice of intent (NOI) to Georgia Power, identifying their proposed Subscription Level (in MW), contract term length, and any other requirements related to their interest in the CRSP Program during one or both of the two NOI Submission Periods. The Company will conduct two separate NOI Submission Periods, which will coincide with the Company's 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 utility scale renewable RFPs, respectively.

**Q. Where does an interested customer submit an NOI Application?**

Interested customers may visit the Independent Evaluator (IE) website at <https://gpccrsp.accionpower.com> to view the NOI Submission guidelines and to complete an NOI Application. Information about the program will be available on this website during the NOI Submission Period from spring 2020 to late 2020.

**Q. Is there a fee to apply to participate in the program?**

Yes. A customer must pay a one-time \$5,000 NOI Participation Fee to apply for the CRSP Program, which must be submitted along with the completed NOI Application.

**Q. If a customer plans to submit an NOI Application during both NOI Submission Periods, does it have to pay the NOI Participation Fee again?**

No. A customer that submits a completed NOI Application during the first NOI Submission Period, including the \$5,000 NOI Participation Fee, will not be required to pay the \$5,000 NOI Participation Fee again if it elects to submit another NOI Application during the second and final NOI Submission Period. However, the customer must submit all other required information or documentation in order for its NOI Application to be deemed complete. Further, a customer interested in submitting NOI Applications for both the Existing Customer program and the New Load program will only be required to pay the NOI Participation Fee once.

**Q. Does submission of a completed NOI Application and payment of the NOI Participation Fee mean automatic enrollment in the program?**

No. Georgia Power will notify customers whether they have been selected for participation in the CRSP Program. In addition, an executed Customer Agreement is necessary to participate in the program. Georgia Power will provide customers selected for participation with additional instructions for executing the Customer Agreement at the conclusion of the NOI Submission Period.

**Q. What information or documentation is required to be submitted with an NOI Application?**

A customer must provide (i) Georgia Power account number(s) (if applicable); (ii) the preceding year's total annual energy consumption or projected total annual energy consumption, as applicable; and (iii) the annual peak demand or projected new load, for each premises the customer intends to use to meet the eligibility criteria to participate in the CRSP Program. Multiple customer accounts or new load additions under common ownership or under common control may be aggregated to meet the eligibility criteria, so long as the accounts are included in the list of eligible premises in the NOI Application. The customer must also submit the one-time \$5,000 NOI Participation Fee and sign a non-disclosure agreement.

**Q. Why does an interested customer have to submit a non-disclosure agreement before filling out the NOI Application?**

Georgia Power will be providing interested customers with previous renewable subscription program pricing and other historical system data as part of the NOI Submission process, as well as the final CRSP Portfolio Price once the CRSP Portfolio PPAs have been executed. Because this data is trade secret and the confidential information of Georgia Power, a customer must first agree to keep such pricing data confidential before being allowed to review the information.

**Q. What is the implementation timeline for this program?**

The first NOI Submission Period is expected to be open in spring 2020 and remain open until late 2020. Customers will be notified of whether they have been selected to participate in the CRSP Program and at what subscription level by early 2021.

Georgia Power expects the first CRSP Portfolio PPAs from the 2022/2023 utility scale renewable RFP will be executed during the second quarter of 2021. Subsequent to GPSC certification of these CRSP Portfolio PPAs, projects selected to supply the CRSP Program from

the 2022/2023 utility scale renewable RFP must be online in late 2023. Participating customers selected through the first NOI Submission Period will begin to receive hourly credits when the facilities in the CRSP Portfolio come online.

The second and final NOI Submission Period will coincide with the second utility scale renewable RFP (2023/2024). Participating customers selected through the second NOI Submission Period will begin to receive hourly credits when the facilities in the second CRSP Portfolio come online, which is expected to be by early 2025.