

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Honorable Mayor Jason Lary, Sr.

Council Member Jimmy Clanton, Jr. – District 1

Council Member Rob Turner- District 2

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble – District 3

Council Member George Turner- District 4

Council Member Diane Adoma – District 5

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

December 13, 2017

5:50 P.M.

Stonecrest City Hall

3120 Stonecrest Blvd.

Stonecrest, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jason Lary

II. ROLL CALL: Brenda James, Interim City Clerk

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Ordinance for granting Franchise to Georgia Power by the City of Stonecrest.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AGENDA ITEM

**SUBJECT: ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISE TO GEORGIA POWER BY
THE CITY OF STONECREST**

☒ **ORDINANCE** ☐ **POLICY** ☐ **STATUS REPORT**
☐ **DISCUSSION ONLY** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☐ **OTHER**

Date Submitted: 11/27/2017 Work Session: 11/29/2017 SPC Meeting: 12/13/2017

SUBMITTED BY: City Manager

PURPOSE: This ordinance and agreement is to grant franchise to Georgia Power by the City of Stonecrest

HISTORY: First Reading was on December 4, 2017

FACTS AND ISSUES:

OPTIONS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adoption of the Ordinance and Agreement

ORDINANCE GRANTING FRANCHISE

To

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

By

CITY OF STONECREST

On

_____, 2017

The within franchise accepted on

_____, 2017.

GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

By: _____
President

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ORDINANCE GRANTING PERMISSION AND CONSENT to Georgia Power Company, a Georgia corporation, and its successors, lessees, and assigns (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Company") to occupy the streets and public places of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, a municipality and political subdivision of the State of Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), in constructing, maintaining, operating, and extending poles, lines, cables, equipment, and other apparatus for transmitting and distributing electricity and for other purposes.

SECTION I. Be it ordained by the governing authority of the City that the authority, right, permission, and consent are hereby granted to the Company, for a period of thirty-five (35) years from the date of the Company's acceptance hereof, to occupy and use the streets, alleys, and public places of the City within the present and future corporate limits of the City as from time to time the Company may deem proper or necessary for the overhead or underground construction, maintenance, operation, and extension of poles, towers, lines, wires, cables, conduits, insulators, transformers, appliances, equipment, connections, and other apparatus (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Company's Facilities") for the business and purpose of transmitting, conveying, conducting, using, supplying, and distributing electricity for light, heat, power, and other purposes for which electric current may be or become useful or practicable for public or private use, and to re-enter upon such streets, alleys, and public places from time to time as the Company may deem proper or necessary to perform these functions, and to cut and trim trees and shrubbery when and where necessary, in the judgment of the Company, to insure safe and efficient service.

SECTION II. Be it further ordained that the rights, permission, and consents herein contained are granted for the following considerations and upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The Company shall pay into the treasury of the City (a) on or before the first day of March in each year following the granting of this franchise, a sum of money equal to four percent (4%) of the gross sales of electric energy to customers served under residential and commercial rate schedules (as prescribed by the Georgia Public Service Commission) within the corporate limits of the City during the preceding calendar year and four percent (4%) of the gross sales of electric energy to customers served under industrial rate schedules (as so prescribed) within the corporate limits of the City during the period beginning on the first day of the month following the granting of this franchise and ending on December 31 thereafter and (b) on or before the first day of March of each year thereafter during the term of this franchise, a sum of money equal to four percent (4%) of the gross sales of electric energy to customers served under residential, commercial, and industrial rate schedules (as so prescribed) within the corporate limits of the City during the preceding calendar year, on condition that in the event the City shall grant to any other entity the right to use and occupy the City's streets for like purposes, such use and occupancy shall be upon the same terms and conditions as those herein contained, including the payment provisions hereof.

2. The amount, if any, of any tax, fee, charge, or imposition of any kind required, demanded, or exacted by the City on any account, other than ad valorem taxes on property, shall operate to reduce to that extent the amount due from the percentage of gross sales provided for in paragraph 1 of this Section II.

3. The Company shall fully protect, indemnify, and save harmless the City from all damages to persons or property caused by the construction, maintenance, operation, or extension of the Company's Facilities, or conditions of streets, alleys, or public places resulting therefrom, for which the City would otherwise be liable.

4. The Company shall, in constructing, maintaining, operating, and extending the Company's Facilities, submit and be subject to all reasonable exercises of the police power by the City. Nothing contained herein, however, shall require the Company to surrender or limit its property rights created hereby without due process of law, including adequate compensation, for any other purpose at the instance of the City or for any purpose at the instance of any other entity, private or governmental.

5. For purposes of paragraph 6 of this Section II, the term "Distribution Facilities" means poles, lines, wires, cables, conductors, insulators, transformers, appliances, equipment, connections, and other apparatus installed by or on behalf of the Company (whether before or after the adoption of this ordinance) in the streets, alleys, or public places of the City for the purpose of distributing electricity within the present and future corporate limits of the City. Distribution Facilities do not include any of the following: (i) electric transmission lines with a design operating voltage of 46 kilovolts or greater (hereinafter referred to as "Transmission Lines"); (ii) poles, towers, frames, or other supporting structures for Transmission Lines (hereinafter referred to as "Transmission Structures"); (iii) Transmission Lines and related wires, cables, conductors, insulators, or other apparatus attached to Transmission Structures; (iv) lines, wires, cables, or conductors installed in concrete-encased ductwork; or (v) network underground facilities.

6. In the event that the City or any other entity acting on behalf of the City requests or demands that the Company relocate any Distribution Facilities from their then-current locations within the streets, alleys, and public places of the City in connection with a public project or improvement, then the Company shall relocate, at its expense, the Distribution Facilities affected by such project or improvement. The Company's obligations under this paragraph 6 shall apply without regard to whether the Company has acquired, or claims to have acquired, an easement or other property right with respect to such Distribution Facilities and shall not affect the amounts paid or to be paid to the City under the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Section II. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph 6, the Company shall not be obligated to relocate, at its expense, any of the following: (i) Distribution Facilities that are located on private property at the time relocation is requested or demanded; (ii) Distribution Facilities that are relocated in connection with sidewalk improvements (unless such sidewalk improvements are related to or associated with road widenings, the creation of new turn lanes, or the addition of acceleration/deceleration lanes); (iii) streetscape projects or other projects undertaken primarily for aesthetic purposes; or (iv) Distribution Facilities that are converted from an overhead configuration or installation to an underground configuration or installation.

7. The City and the Company recognize that both parties benefit from economic development within the City. Accordingly, when it is necessary to relocate any of the Company's Facilities (whether Distribution Facilities, Transmission Lines, Transmission Structures, or other facilities) within the City, the City and the Company shall work cooperatively to minimize costs, delays, and inconvenience to both parties while ensuring compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, the City and the Company shall communicate in a timely fashion to coordinate projects included in the City's five-year capital improvement plan, the City's short-term work program, or the City's annual budget in an effort to minimize relocation of the Company's Facilities. Such communication may include, but is not limited to, (i) both parties' participation in the Georgia Utilities Coordinating Council, Inc. (or any successor organization) or a local utilities coordinating council (or any successor organization) and (ii) both parties' use of the National Joint Utility Notification System (or any successor to such system mutually acceptable to both parties).

8. With regard to each streetscape project undertaken by or on behalf of the City, the City shall pay the Company in advance for the Company's estimated cost to relocate any of the Company's Facilities (whether Distribution Facilities, Transmission Lines, Transmission Structures, or other facilities) in

connection with such project. For each streetscape project, the Company shall estimate in good faith the amount of incremental base revenue, if any, that the Company will realize as a result of new customer load or expansion of existing customer load attributable to such project; and such estimate shall be based on tariffs in effect at the time that construction of such project begins and shall not include fuel recovery charges, non-electric service billings, or taxes. If such estimate indicates that the Company will realize incremental base revenue, the Company shall do one of the following, whichever results in greater cost savings to the City: (i) reduce the City's advance payment to the Company for relocation costs by ten percent (10%); or (ii) where the City has developed a bona fide marketing plan within twelve (12) months after construction of such project begins, either refund the amount of the Company's incremental base revenue during such twelve-month period to the City or credit such amount against any future payment due from the City to the Company. The City and the Company acknowledge and agree that the amount of any refund or credit calculated pursuant to clause (ii) of the foregoing sentence of this paragraph 8 shall not exceed the amount of the City's advance payment to the Company for relocation costs associated with such project.

SECTION III. Be it further ordained that nothing contained in this ordinance shall limit or restrict the right of customers within the corporate limits of the City to select an electric supplier as may hereafter be provided by law.

SECTION IV. Be it further ordained that from time to time after the approval of this ordinance, the Company and the City may enter into such additional agreements as the Company and the City deem reasonable and appropriate; provided, however, that such agreements shall not be inconsistent with the terms and conditions of the franchise granted in this ordinance, shall not extend beyond the term of the franchise, and shall be enforceable separate and apart from the franchise.

SECTION V. Be it further ordained that the Company shall, within ninety (90) days from the approval of this ordinance, file the Company's written acceptance of the franchise granted in this ordinance with the Clerk of the City, so as to form a contract between the Company and the City.

SECTION VI. Be it further ordained that upon such acceptance all laws and ordinances, and all agreements between the Company and the City with respect to the Company's use of the City's streets, alleys, and public places, in actual conflict herewith be and the same shall thereupon stand repealed and terminated, respectively.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, at a meeting held on

_____, 2017.

Approved: _____, 2017.

Mayor

I, _____, Clerk of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, hereby certify that I was present at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, held on _____, 2017, which meeting was duly and legally called and held, and at which a quorum was present, and that an ordinance, a true and correct copy of which I hereby certify the foregoing to be, was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, at said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Stonecrest, County of Dekalb, State of Georgia, this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Clerk



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December 14, 2017

Mr. Mike Protsman
Joint Ownership and Revenue Accounting Manager
Bin 10120
Georgia Power Company

RE: City of Stonecrest

Dear Mike,

Please be advised the City of Stonecrest and Georgia Power Company have executed a 35-year Franchise Agreement (copy attached). The Franchise Agreement is anticipated to be executed on March 1, 2018 by the company. Georgia Power has agreed to pay the City of Stonecrest a franchise fee for the period beginning March 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement.

In addition, Georgia Power Company does hereby agree to advance the City of Stonecrest Twenty-five (25%) of the anticipated Franchise Fee for 2018 as soon as the payment can be processed. This advance payment will be deducted from the City of Stonecrest Franchise Fee for 2018, payable on March 1, 2019.

Paul Bowers
President
Georgia Power Company

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Mayor
City of Stonecrest

Date: _____