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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

DOCKET# 43061
DOCUMENT# 205509

IN THE MATTER OF:

GUFPA CASE NO. PSC 20-16985

DOCKET NO. 43061 **CASE CLOSED**

I&C Telecom, Inc.,
Respondent

MAILED
8.24.2023

FINAL ORDER

The Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") issues this Order to accept the Consent Agreement agreed to by I&C Telecom, Inc., ("Respondent"), on March 3, 2023. A copy of the Consent Agreement is attached hereto as Attachment A.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1.

All Findings and Conclusions contained within the attached Consent Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

2.

The Commission has reviewed the terms of the Consent Agreement and finds that it is a reasonable and appropriate resolution of the allegations against Respondent.

ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that all findings of fact and conclusions of law contained within the preceding sections of this Order and/or as incorporated therein by reference, are hereby adopted as the findings and conclusions of this Commission;

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission hereby accepts and adopts the Consent Agreement attached as "Attachment 'A'" and executed by I&C Telecom, Inc. on March 3, 2023.

Nothing in this order shall resolve or prejudge any complaint or complaints against any other person involved in the matters from which this action arises;

ORDERED FURTHER, that Respondent shall abide by the terms of the Consent Agreement.

ORDERED FURTHER, that Respondent shall pay to the Commission, ***in certified funds***, a civil penalty of $6,000.00 within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Respondent may mitigate $4,000.00 of the above assessed civil penalty by attending Commission approved training, and shall pay remaining civil penalty of $2,000.00, ***in certified funds***, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. Proof that such training has been accomplished shall be furnished to the Commission within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Order.

ORDERED FURTHER, that failure to comply with the terms of this Order or the Consent Agreement could subject Respondent to further penalties under O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91.

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission; and

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above action of the Commission in Administrative Session on August 15, 2023.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

8-22-23
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

8/22/23
Date

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IN THE MATTER OF:	)	**CASE CLOSED**
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I&C Telecom, Inc.,	)	DOCKET NO. 43061
RESPONDENTS	)	(PSC Case No. 20-16985)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Commission Order was filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via hand delivery as indicated by an asterisk, or by depositing same in the United States mail.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

I&C Telecom, Inc.
Attn: Ureio Ramirez
1377 Duncan Lane
Auburn, GA 30011

Respectfully Submitted this 24th day of August, 2023:

Ureio

Maritza Rivera, Admin. Assistant
Facilities Protection Unit
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington St. Ste. 112
Atlanta, GA 30334

244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701

All payment of penalties must be remitted in certified funds: money order, cashier's check, or official check.

Personal/Company checks will not be accepted.

4.

If Respondent(s) choose training in lieu of paying $4,000.00 of the penalty described above, Respondent(s) agree to promptly complete a training program acceptable to the Commission, ***minimum of five (5) employees required to attend training***. The respondent will be responsible for completing the training class and submitting the remaining $2,000.00 penalty in certified funds or cashier's check to the Georgia Public Service Commission.

5.

Respondent(s) understands that all payments will be processed upon receipt. However, this does not release the Respondent of the terms of this agreement.

6.

Respondent(s) understands that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement could subject each to additional penalties.

7.

This Consent Agreement shall not become effective until and unless approved by the Commission. Respondent(s) enter into this Consent Agreement without admission of fault or liability.

8.

The undersigned authorized representative of the Respondent(s) acknowledges that he/she has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. The undersigned representative acknowledges that the undersigned party freely, knowingly and voluntarily enters into this agreement. The undersigned representative hereby consents to the resolution of this proceeding as provided herein.

This 3rd day of March, 2023

Consented to:
(*Sign, date, and mail, email, or fax*)

X _____
On behalf of: I&C Telecom, Inc.

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"GUFPA" Questionnaire

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Please answer all questions in a written statement and include your case number on each page.

1. Name of entity (company, corporation, municipality, etc.) submitting this information?

2. Name of person submitting this information and title or position in the company or corporation?

(pictures, diagrams, maps, witness statements and any other documentation to be used in support of your position) and sign/return the below statement within **thirty (30) days** of this NOPV:

I hereby request the opportunity to present my case to the GUFPAAC and I certify under the penalty of perjury that the response(s) and information provided regarding the afore-mentioned probable violation(s) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____ _____

Authorized Representative of Respondent Date

*****Upon receipt of your signature above, your detailed written response and all supporting evidence, your case will be scheduled to be heard by the GUFPAAC and you will be notified by mail of the date of this GUFPAAC meeting.**

☐ **OPTION 2 – I Disagree and want a Hearing before the Hearing Officer:** If you disagree with the probable violation(s) alleged, please dispute by submitting a detailed, written response along with all supporting evidence (pictures, diagrams, maps, witness statements and any other documentation) to be used in support of your position **within 30 days of receipt of this letter.** If you need more time to gather your information, **you must contact the GUFPA staff to request additional time. Note: The information you provide will not close the case, it will assist the investigator in his/her investigation to arrive at a more informed conclusion. If at the point you still disagree with the findings of the investigator, your case will be heard by a Commission hearing officer.**

**** Sign below only if you are choosing Option 2 ****

I certify under the penalty of perjury that the response(s) and information provided regarding the afore-mentioned probable violation(s) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Authorized Representative of Respondent Date

☒ **OPTION 3 – I Agree and Wish to Pay the Mitigated Civil Penalty and attend Training:** If you agree with the alleged probable violation(s) please complete, sign and return the **Consent Agreement** provided for in this package. A **minimum of five (5) employees** of your company shall attend Commission approved damage prevention training. You must pay the recommended **mitigated** civil penalty of **$2,000.00**. Staff must receive the **signed Consent Agreement** and **this "Response" page** indicating your decision, and the mitigated penalty amount by certified check or money order within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

PLEASE NOTE: Georgia Law requires that ALL information requested in OPTION 1 and OPTION 2 be provided upon Staff's request. (O.C.G.A. §§ 24-10-26, 46-2-20 and 25-9-1 *et. seq.*). Failure to respond and/or comply with these requests for information in the 30 days provided for shall result in the loss of one or more of the **OPTIONS** presented.

☐ **OPTION 4 – I Agree and Wish to Pay the Full Civil Penalty:** If you agree with the alleged probable violation(s) please complete, sign and return the **Consent Agreement** provided for in this package and pay the full recommended civil penalty of **$6,000.00**. Staff must receive the **signed Consent Agreement** within **thirty (30) days** of this NOPV. THIS OPTION DOES NOT REQUIRE TRAINING.

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DAMAGE REPORT (PROBABLE VIOLATION) – PSC 20-16985

INCIDENT INFORMATION

INCIDENT DATE:	1/27/2020	MATERIAL TYPE:	Plastic
FACILITY TYPE:	Gas	SIZE:	2
INCIDENT ADDRESS:	Intersection of Mason Jones & Burnt Hickory Road, Powder Springs		
UTILITY LINE FUNCTION:	Main		
MECHANZIED EQPT.:	Directional Drilling		

LOCATE INFORMATION

LOCATE COMPANY NAME:	Austell Gas System
LOCATE NUMBER:	01270-202-014