BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re:	)	
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Application of Atlanta Gas Light Company for Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Hall County	)	**Docket No. 30707**
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In Re:	)	
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Hall County-Wide Safety Plan	)	**Docket No. 29331**

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR HALL COUNTY

Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGL" or the "Company") submits this Application for Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Hall County for consideration by the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission").

Under O.C.G.A. § 46-4-28(a) and Commission Rule 515-7-1-.13, AGL respectfully requests that the Commission amend AGL's current Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") as discussed below.[1] AGL requests that its Certificate be amended to conform its current Certificate boundaries to the safety-based boundaries AGL requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule (Commission Rule 515-9-7-.01) on November 13, 2023. AGL is providing notice of its Application under Commission Rule 515-7-1-.04 by serving this Application upon the persons listed on the attached Certificate of Service.

[1] AGL notes that O.C.G.A. § 46-4-21(b) provides that a Certificate is not required "for an extension into territory contiguous to that already served by such gas distribution system and not receiving similar service from another such person if no certificate . . . has been issued to or applied for by any other person covering such territory."

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Under O.C.G.A. § 46-4-21 and Commission Rule 515-7-1-.02, AGL previously obtained a Certificate to operate a gas pipeline and distribution system in Hall County, Georgia. Under O.C.G.A. § 46-4-28(a) and Commission Rule 515-7-1-.13, the Commission may amend a Certificate. In order to synchronize proposed Hall Countywide Safety Plan ("Hall CWSP") boundaries with AGL's certificated territory, AGL submits this Application to amend its Certificate boundaries to conform its current Certificate boundaries to the safety-based boundaries AGL requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule on November 13, 2023. There will be no customer transfers.

Under the proposed amendment to the Hall CWSP and the amendment to AGL's Certificate, AGL will be serving 126 new customers in Hall County, Georgia that are located in a new subdivision, Bailey Farms, originating in AGL's territory and ending into two cul-de-sacs within the City of Buford's ("Buford") safety boundaries. Under the current Hall CWSP, these 126 parcels are located in the City of Buford's countywide safety boundaries.

Also, under the proposed amendments, Buford will be serving approximately 17 customers in Hall County, Georgia, that are located in the backend of the Reunion subdivision that originates in Buford's safety boundaries and ends into a cul-de-sac within AGL's territory along Red Hawk Way at Deaton Henry Road. Buford has already been serving these customers in violation of the Commission's CWSP Rule, and AGL is proposing to reduce its certificated area to move these customers into Buford's safety boundaries consistent with the proposed Hall CWSP. Additionally, AGL is requesting to amend the countywide safety border to reduce its territory to include parcels of land in Buford's safety boundaries that Buford inadvertently left out of its safety boundaries when the Commission adopted the Hall CWSP along Grove Park Drive at Fernleaf Court, Old

Shadburn Ferry Road at Lake Lanier, and Garrett Road at Lake Lanier. Under the current Hall CWSP, these parcels in Hall County are located in AGL's service territory.

Therefore, AGL seeks an amended Certificate to conform its Certificate territory to the proposed Hall CWSP boundaries by expanding AGL's certificated territory to include the Bailey Farms subdivision and by reducing AGL's certificated territory to move the 17 customers along Red Hawk Way at Deaton Henry Road into Buford's boundaries. In addition, AGL seeks an amended Certificate to conform its Certificate boundaries to the proposed Hall CWSP boundaries by reducing AGL's Certificate territory to allow Buford to include existing Buford customers along Grove Park Drive at Fernleaf Court, Old Shadburn Ferry Road at Lake Lanier, and Garrett Road at Lake Lanier into Buford's boundaries.

DISCUSSION

As part of this Application, AGL shows the following with respect to the Certificate requirements found in Commission Rule 515-7-1-.03:

> ***(a) The exact legal name of the applicant; if the applicant is a corporation, the State or territory under the laws of which the applicant was organized, the location of the applicant's principal place of business, the names of all States where the applicant is authorized to do business and a concise but comprehensive description of the existing business, operations and properties of the applicant with particular reference to the transportation, distribution and sale of natural or manufactured gas.***

AGL is a Georgia corporation with its principal place of business in Georgia. AGL is authorized to do business in Georgia. AGL is a natural gas utility that has approximately 1.7 million residential, commercial and industrial customers and serves approximately 237 communities throughout Georgia. It is the largest natural gas distributor in the Southeast and is engaged in the business of distributing natural gas for gas marketers, maintaining the gas system

infrastructure (including responding to leaks), performing meter reading for the gas marketers, and ensuring the safe, reliable delivery of natural gas to customers in Georgia.

(b) The name, title or post-office address of the person to whom correspondence or communications in regard to the application are to be addressed. Unless advised to the contrary, the Commission will serve notices, orders, and other papers upon the person so named.

All correspondence and communications related to this Application should be addressed to the following:

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(c) A brief but accurate description of the project or facilities for which a certificate is sought and the dates on which it is intended to begin and complete construction or acquisition.

AGL seeks an amended Certificate to operate a distribution system in Hall County, Georgia to conform its current Certificate boundaries with the safety boundaries requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule. AGL is requesting to amend its service area to expand its territory to serve customers on the backend of the new Bailey Farms subdivision

originating in AGL's territory and ending in two cul-de-sacs within Buford's safety boundaries. AGL will be installingnew main and service line in Hall County to serve the approximate 126 additional customers inside the new subdivision that are located within Buford's portion of the subdivision. Upon Commission approval of the amended Certificate, AGL will begin installing main and service line within its current Certificate boundaries in Hall County to serve customers and will begin installing main and service line in the newly proposed service area in Hall County. AGL proposes to tie-in to a newly installed two (2) inch medium pressure plastic gas main located along the main entrance to the new subdivision and extend approximately 5,592 feet of 2-inch plastic main to the end of the two cul-de-sacs inside the new subdivision. The only entrance into the new subdivision is currently within AGL's certificated territory. The estimated cost of the project to serve the additional 126 new customers is approximately $390,101. AGL is currently working on the design and installation of facilities for the project, and installation of facilities will occur as soon as practical following Commission approval and requests for facility locates.

(d) A statement setting forth the service proposed to be rendered by applicant, showing communities proposed to be served, with the population of each, main line industrial customers, sales or interchange with other utilities and any other service. In describing such other service, furnish the name of any other utility rendering service within any county in which any community or customer to be served by applicant is located, together with a general statement of pertinent facts as to the extent and nature of such existing service, specifying whether such other utility is serving natural or manufactured gas.

AGL is seeking an amendment to its Certificate to revise its Certificate boundaries to conform to the safety-based boundaries requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule. AGL will be providing the same distribution service that it currently provides and was previously certificated to provide. The proposed new facilities in Hall County will be used to serve 126 new residential customers in a new subdivision that originates in AGL's territory and extends

into Buford's safety boundaries. There are two other operators in Hall County providing natural gas: the City of Buford and Liberty Utilities.

> ***(e) A description of the facilities proposed to be constructed, acquired or operated, giving, insofar as such information may be pertinent, the size, capacity, length and location of pipelines and laterals; the extent of distribution systems; the location, rated horsepower and capacity of all compressor stations; the location and description of other important property units; a description of the proposed manner or method of operating said proposed facilities, including proposed operating pressures, the capacity of the proposed facilities, estimates of maximum and minimum day demands, and any other pertinent facts showing that such facilities will be capable of performing adequately the service which the applicant proposed to render. In connection herewith the applicant shall furnish:***

AGL will be providing the same distribution service that it currently provides and was previously certificated to provide. AGL is seeking an amendment to its Certificate to revise its service boundaries to conform to the safety-based boundaries requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule. AGL proposes to tie-in to a newly installed two (2) inch medium pressure plastic gas main located along the entrance to the new subdivision and extend approximately 5,592 feet of 2-inch plastic main to the end of the two cul-de-sacs inside the new subdivision. This proposal is anticipated to feed 126 new residential customers in a new subdivision, Bailey Farms, that spreads across the countywide safety border. The entrance of the new subdivision is currently within AGL's certificated territory and the backend of the new subdivision is currently located in the City of Buford's Countywide Safety Plan boundary.

> ***1. Fifteen (15) copies of a map delineating the size and location of applicant's proposed pipe lines, or distribution system, the communities to be served, the points of connection with existing facilities and the location of points of gas supply to be utilized in connection with the proposed facilities; such map shall include roads, waterways and any other natural boundaries to enable the Commission to distinguish the true location of the proposed facilities; as well as any other operator's gas facilities within 1,200 feet of the applicant's proposed facilities. The location of the proposed pipeline or distribution system and other gas operator's facilities must be delineated in contrasting colors. The maps shall be at least 11 x 14 inches.***

A map of the proposed facility is included as Attachment A hereto.

2. A statement setting forth all contracts for the construction, purchase or lease of the proposed facilities and giving the affiliation, if any, between applicant and any other party to said contract. A detailed breakdown of costs must be included for the construction, purchase or lease of the proposed facilities. The cost breakdown shall include the following:

AGL plans to utilize contracted natural gas crews to construct the facilities in question. Based upon information available to AGL, AGL acknowledges the contracted company owns the necessary equipment and employs qualified personnel to complete the contracted work in a safe and timely manner.

(i) Overall cost of the project,

The overall estimated cost to supply natural gas facilities to the 126 new customers is $390,101.

(ii) Cost per foot for each size of pipe,

2-inch Plastic Main @ $30.63 per foot

½-inch Plastic Service @ $18.63 per foot

(iii) Cost for right-of-way,

There is no estimated cost for right-of-way.

(iv) Financing costs,

N/A.

(v) Cost of labor, and

Cost of labor is included in price per foot identified in Question 2(ii).

(vi) Any other costs.

Total estimated cost of meter set assemblies is $50,787.

(f) A statement of the source of gas, together with a copy of the interstate pipeline contracts or full requirements contract therefore, which is to supply the market which is proposed to be served. However, if such interstate pipeline contracts or full requirements contract contain discounted or negotiated rates or terms, the applicant may file such contracts pursuant to Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11.

Due to deregulation of the natural gas sales market in Georgia, the respective gas poolers shall provide the gas. Based on the interstate pipeline system configuration, this gas will flow from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation interstate pipeline facilities.

(g) A statement setting forth all facts bearing upon economic feasibility including:

1. The estimated total overall capital cost of the proposed extension or acquisition, including all expenditures involved in the construction or acquisition of the proposed facilities, proposed cost of financing, working capital, and other incidental costs, amount of engineering and contracting fees to be paid and a brief statement of applicant's proposed plan of financing.

The total estimated cost to supply natural gas facilities to the 126 new customers is $390,101.

2. A detailed statement of the extent to which such plan is supported by firm or contingent commitments from all financial sources, including commitments from banks, trust companies, insurance companies, investment bankers, steel companies, pipeline supply companies and other sources.

Not applicable. The customer has enough allowable to cover the overall capital cost of the project.

3. A statement showing estimates of total revenues expected from the proposed new facilities to be constructed, acquired or operated, total fixed charges, total operating expenses.

The estimated annual revenue from this project to supply natural gas facilities to the 126 new customers is $61,256.

4. A general statement covering the rates proposed to be charged by applicant for each kind of natural or manufactured gas service proposed to be rendered, and the expected sales, revenues, average revenue per MCF and average revenue per therm to be derived therefrom.

AGL will be providing the same distribution service that it currently provides and was previously certificated to provide. AGL is simply seeking an amendment to its Certificate to revise its service boundaries to conform to the safety-based boundaries requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule. Customers served under this Application will be charged rates consistent with AGL's Tariff as approved and modified from time to time by the Commission. Revenues will be derived from such charges consistent with those approved by the Commission during AGL's most recent rate review. Due to deregulation of the natural gas market, the chosen certificated natural gas marketer shall determine the rates charged for the natural gas commodity.

(h) A general description of the proposed method of supervising the operations of the proposed project, including reference to any relevant service or management contracts, existing or contemplated.

AGL will be providing the same distribution service that it currently provides and was previously certificated to provide. AGL is simply seeking an amendment to its Certificate to revise its service boundaries to conform to the safety-based boundaries requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule. AGL shall supervise the operations of the new facilities as part of, and consistent with, AGL's on-going distribution system service. All natural gas facilities subject to this Application will be operated and maintained in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 192 and with AGL's *Operations Procedure Manual*.

(i) A statement of any other facts and circumstances upon which applicant relies to establish that present or future public convenience and necessity required the new construction, acquisition or operation of such facilities.

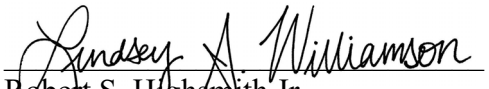
AGL will be providing the same distribution service that it currently provides and was previously certificated to provide. AGL is simply seeking an amendment to its Certificate to revise its service boundaries to conform to the safety-based boundaries requested under the Commission's Countywide Safety Plan Rule to expand AGL's territory to serve 126 new residential customers in the Bailey Farms subdivision that originates in AGL's territory and extends into Buford's territory. AGL relies on the Commission Rule requiring the establishment of countywide safety-based boundaries as it relates to the present and future public convenience and necessity requiring the conformance to Countywide Safety Plan boundaries. The amended Certificate will be in place at the time any new customers request natural gas service, eliminating the future need for AGL to petition the Commission for permission to provide the requested service and allowing AGL to provide service in a timely manner.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, AGL respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Application for Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Hall County.

This 27th day of November 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing **Application of Atlanta Gas Light Company for Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Hall County** upon the following persons via email or United States Mail as follows:

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