BEFORE THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE:	*	
Application of AGLC for Amended	*	**Docket No. 30707**
Certificate of Public Convenience and	*	
Necessity for Hall County	*	
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IN RE:	*	**Docket No. 29331**
Hall Countywide Safety Plan	*	

CITY OF BUFORD'S OBJECTION TO PROPOSED PROCEDURAL AND SCHEDULING ORDER

NOW COMES, The City of Buford (hereinafter "City" or "Buford") and files its Objection to the Proposed Procedural and Scheduling Order arising from Atlanta Gas Light Company's (hereinafter "AGL") Petition to Amend the Hall Countywide Safety Plan (CWSP) and respectfully shows as follows:

1. Existing Hall CWSP should be given Fidelity.

The service to be provided by both Buford and AGL within Phase 21 of Reunion (formerly known as Bailey Farms) is fully compliant with all Commission regulations, thereby obviating the necessity for any amendments to the Hall CWSP. According to the current plan, 126 homes fall under Buford's jurisdiction, while 14 homes fall within AGL's territory. The present configuration enables both providers to serve their respective customers seamlessly, rendering any modification to the existing CWSP or the reopening of this docket unnecessary. A distinct demarcation between Buford's and AGL's customers is clearly delineated in the existing plan. The parties spent several months in negotiating the existing plan and it should not be summarily ignored.

2. Gas Safety Staff Approval for Multiple Providers.

Michelle Thebert, Director of Pipeline Safety, explicitly conveyed during the Energy Committee meeting on November 30, 2023, that gas safety staff had no objection to two providers

servicing the same development. Buford has firsthand knowledge of instances where it successfully serves residential subdivisions alongside other providers, such as AGL and the City of Lawrenceville. Similar examples exist throughout the state, indicating that the simultaneous presence of multiple providers in a development is not a cause for concern.

In fact, we are aware of two separate instances in the Bibb County, where multiple providers (AGL and Mid-State) were approved within the CWSP.

3. Robust Safety Measures in Place.

The existing CWSP outlines stringent safety measures, including joint responses between providers and established protocols. These measures ensure the safety and well-being of residents within the development.

4. Buford is Ready, Willing and Able to Serve its Customers. Through constructive discussions with the builder, Buford has reached an agreement with Pulte to establish an easement that enables the service of its 126 customers. Crucially, this easement and pipe location have been carefully planned to avoid any interference with residential lots, addressing both safety concerns and regulatory compliance. A diagram of the easement and further specifications were submitted to gas staff.

Considering the above, Buford respectfully urges the Commission to deny the proposed Procedural and Scheduling Order, as the existing arrangements are fully capable of accommodating the service needs of both providers and ensuring the safety of the community. Buford hereby respectfully requests that the Commission deny the proposed Procedural and Scheduling Order

This 11th day of December 2023.

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