BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE:	
ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S 2023 USF FACILITIES EXPANSION PLAN	**Docket No. 43510**
ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S ECON-1 TARIFF	**Docket No. 41559**

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF LOWNDES COUNTY PROJECT UNDER ECON-1 TARIFF OR AS AMENDMENT TO 2023 UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FACILITIES EXPANSION PLAN TO REPLACE THE CHATHAM COUNTY PROJECT

Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGL" or "Company") submits this Petition to the Georgia Public Service Commission (the "Commission") for approval of a project in Lowndes County, Georgia. Specifically, AGL is requesting that the Commission approve the project in Lowndes County, Georgia as a 2024 ECON-1 Project under AGL's Economic Development (ECON-1) Tariff or as an amendment to AGL's 2023 Universal Service Fund ("USF") Facilities Expansion Plan ("2023 Plan") to replace the Chatham County Project. Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFRs") supporting this filing are attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The ECON-1 Worksheet supporting this filing is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.[1]

[1] AGL did not initially petition the Commission under the ECON-1 tariff for the Chatham County Project; however, the Commission Staff recommended using funds from ECON-1 to cover a portion of the costs for the Chatham County Project. Therefore, AGL has prepared an ECON-1 Worksheet for the Lowndes County Project for replacement of the Chatham County Project or for approval of the Lowndes County Project as a 2024 ECON-1 Project.

BACKGROUND

AGL seeks to serve a new customer, Walmart, in Lowndes County, Georgia (the "Lowndes County Project"). On October 11, 2023, Walmart announced that it intends to construct a facility in Lowndes County, Georgia that will produce milk and other dairy products to be shipped to Walmart and Sam's Club stores throughout Georgia and the surrounding states. Walmart plans to invest at least $350 million in the facility that will employ nearly 400 people. As part of the Lowndes County Project, AGL plans to serve Walmart's dairy processing facility in Valdosta.

AGL seeks to serve this customer with funds from the Company's ECON-1 Tariff as a 2024 ECON-1 Project or with funds from the 2023 USF and 2022 and 2023 ECON-1 as a replacement to the Chatham County Project for the 2023 Plan, whichever the Commission determines is appropriate.

AGL filed its 2023 Plan for Commission consideration in Docket No. 43510 on September 1, 2022. As part of the 2023 Plan, AGL proposed to extend natural gas facilities with support from the USF within Glynn, Henry, Cherokee, Chatham, Wheeler (the Alamo Project), and Baldwin counties as part of its 2023 Plan. AGL filed an amendment to the 2023 Plan on October 14, 2022.[2]

The Commission issued an Order on December 13, 2022, approving the Chatham County Project and the Alamo Segment 3 Project of the 2023 Plan. Under the Commission's Order, the recovery of the estimated $28,126,896 for the Chatham County Project is to be recovered in the following manner: $9,344,095 from the USF, $6,533,000 from ECON-1 tariff funds available

[2] The Amended Petition divided the Wheeler (Alamo) County Segment 3 project into two phases to give the Commission the option of further segmenting the project. Additionally, the Amended Petition added the Brantley County project, giving the Commission the option to serve the project from Glynn County to the east or Ware County to the west. Lastly, the Amended Petition corrected a calculation error included in MFR-6 Cost to Serve that was filed on September 1, 2022, and removed references to project cost estimates in MFR-7 Project Technical Analyses also filed on September 1, 2022.

under the $15 million cap from calendar year 2022, and the balance of $12,249,801 from ECON-1 tariff funds under the $15 million cap from calendar year 2023.

The Commission approved the Chatham County Project to serve a customer, Igneo (Georgia), LLC, at the Savannah/Chatham Manufacturing Center ("SCMC"). Igneo (Georgia), LLC indefinitely suspended its project at the SCMC, and AGL later filed a petition on May 16, 2023, requesting to amend the Chatham County Project to withdraw Igneo (Georgia) LLC as a customer for the Chatham County Project, add PHA and Seoyon E-Hwa as new customers, and reaffirm that the Chatham County Project continue as otherwise previously approved. PHA and Seoyon E-Hwa have since indicated that they will not take gas service. Therefore, AGL now seeks to amend the 2023 Plan to replace the Chatham County Project completely with a project in Lowndes County to serve Walmart, or, alternatively, AGL requests that the Commission approve the Lowndes County Project as a 2024 ECON-1 Project.

ECON-1 PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

As part of the filing to obtain Commission approval, the Company's Petition shall contain the following elements and supporting information:

a. A detailed description of the project to include the county name, size and type of pipe, estimated cost, estimated number of jobs created, and estimated dekatherms of new gas load added;

b. An affirmative statement by the Company that the project complies with the ECON-1 Tariff requirements;

c. Detailed estimated cost of the project in Excel; and

d. A map of the proposed project.

In order for a project to qualify for approval under the ECON-1 Tariff, it must meet certain requirements depending on the Customer's rate class. For the ECON-1 Lowndes County Project, the project must meet the requirements of the G-11 rate class. Under Section 3.C. of the ECON-1

Tariff, the ECON-1 Lowndes County Project must: include a capital investment, other than by the Company, in excess of $1 million in new facilities or expansion of existing facilities; add a net of at least 10 new jobs within six months of taking gas service; subject to the circumstances at the time of the application, reasonably anticipate an increased tax base by at least $20,000 per year; and add connected load on a Firm basis of 10 dekatherms a year. The Lowndes County Project meets the requirements for the G-11 rate class under Section 3.C of the ECON-1 Tariff.

DISCUSSION

AGL seeks to serve a new customer in Lowndes County as a replacement to the Chatham County Project approved in the 2023 Plan or as a 2024 ECON-1 Project. As part of the Lowndes County Project, AGL plans to serve Walmart's dairy processing facility in Valdosta. Walmart's dairy processing facility will benefit the Georgia economy, as Walmart plans to invest at least $350 million in the dairy processing facility, and the facility will create jobs for nearly 400 people.

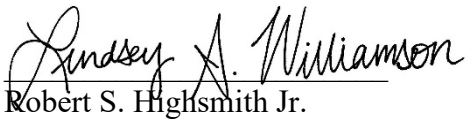
To serve this facility, AGL proposes to tie-into existing 12" pipe at the intersection of US 84 and Clay Road and install approximately 9,000 feet of 12" steel (MAOP 125 psi) along US 84 and Inner Perimeter Road and approximately 2,600 feet of 8" steel (MAOP 125 psi) along Inner Perimeter Road. Additionally, AGL must also install a system pressure improvement to serve the load requested by the Customer, as detailed in Exhibit 1. AGL is currently certificated to serve this area. The estimated cost to serve this customer is $13,954,253, as shown in MFR-6 of Exhibit 1. AGL requests that the Commission approve the Lowndes County Project as an amendment to the 2023 Plan in place of the Chatham County Project or as a 2024 ECON-1 Project.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, AGL requests that the Commission approve the Lowndes County Project as an amendment to the 2023 Plan to replace the Chatham County with the Lowndes County Project or approve the Lowndes County Project as a 2024 ECON-1 Project.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of December 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have this 13th day of December 2023 caused to be served the foregoing document upon the following parties via email as follows:

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