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Atlanta Gas Light
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DOCKET NO: 30724
Case NO: PSC 24-26340

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On March 11,2024, a Notice of Probable Violation ("NOPV") of the Georgia Underground Facilities Protection Act ("GUFPA" or "the Act") was filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facility Safety Office ("Staff") naming Atlanta Gas Light as the probable violator ("Respondent"). The probable violation alleged is for failure to comply with section 25-9-7-(a)(1) of the Act:

> Failure of a facility owner to determine whether underground facilities are present on the land upon which blasting or excavating is to occur prior to 7:00 a.m. on the effective date, or calendar day on which blasting or excavating is anticipated to begin.

Staff recommended a civil penalty of $5,456,000.00 and required an affirmative written response to a Consent Agreement or a request for a hearing before the Advisory Committee within 30 days of the date of the notice.

Staff has granted an extension to allow an additional **60** days from the original due date of the response (90 days from the date of the NOPV) for the Respondent to provide an affirmative written response or request a hearing. Failure to respond either by executing the provided Consent Agreement or requesting a hearing will result in the issuance of a Rule NISI to be heard before the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission").

Staff has also attached an electronic copy of the 10,912 late locate requests mentioned in the March 11th Notice of Probable violation.

Thank you,

Michelle Thebert

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: **Atlanta Gas Light Company**	)	**DOCKET NO. 30724**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the Response To Request For Extension in Docket No. 30724 was filed with the Commission's Executive Secretary and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk. I further certify that the *Atlanta Gas Light Company* was served a hard copy of the above-stated document by United States Mail.

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