**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

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| **IN RE:**<br><br>**ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S 2025-2034 INTEGRATED CAPACITY AND DELIVERY PLAN** | **Docket No. 43820** |

# PROPOSED ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATION

## BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2024, Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGL" or the "Company") filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission"), its Petition for Approval of the 2025-2034 Integrated Capacity and Delivery Plan (the "2025-2034 i-CDP" or the "Plan").

## JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to inter alia O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-20 and the Natural Gas Competition and Deregulation Act. More specifically, the Commission has general supervisory authority over natural gas utilities under O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20.

## STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

The Commission, at its December 19, 2019 Administrative Session, voted to approve a motion to resolve the issues of the fully litigated general rate case in (Docket No. 42315) filed by AGL on June 3, 2019. The Commission directed AGL to propose a long-range planning tool by January 31, 2020 to establish a proceeding open to all interested parties where the Commission will examine and approve parameters for capital budgets and related Operation and Maintenance spending associated with multi-year forecasts. In response to such order, AGL filed a proposed process that the Commission Staff ("Staff") fully considered. Thereafter, Staff and AGL worked together to create a governance document that would implement a planning process while preserving the established process and methodologies within the existing Capacity Supply Plan ("CSP") and the Georgia Rate Adjustment Mechanism ("GRAM") filings.

On January 28, 2021, AGL and Staff filed a Joint Stipulation establishing a Long-Range Comprehensive Planning Process that is in compliance with Commission Orders (the "Stipulation

Governance Document"). The Commission approved the Stipulation Governance Document at its February 16, 2021 Administrative Session.

In accordance with the Commission-approved Stipulation Governance Document, AGL filed the Integrated Capacity and Delivery Plan ("i-CDP") on April 28, 2021. The Commission voted to approve the Amended 2022-2031 i-CDP as further modified by the Stipulation and Addendum at the November 18, 2021 Administrative Session.

On February 1, 2024, AGL filed its 2025-2034 i-CDP in this docket, along with pre-filed supporting direct testimony, a Petition for Approval of the Plan, and the other minimum filing requirements established in the Stipulation Governance Document. AGL included within its February 1, 2024 filing a request for an amendment to year 2024 of the 2022-2031 i-CDP to allow for more operational flexibility by shifting dollars between the GRAM – Safety and Compliance and the GRAM – Other budget categories and to continue this operational flexibility of shifting dollars between GRAM budget categories in this 2025-2034 i-CDP and future i-CDPs. On February 8, 2024, the Commission issued its Procedural and Scheduling Order in this Docket setting forth the dates for filing of testimony and briefs, as well as the dates for the hearings in this matter. This proceeding was deemed complex litigation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-33(a).

The following parties each filed individual Applications for Leave to Intervene: SouthStar Energy Services LLC d/b/a Georgia Natural Gas; Gas South, LLC; SCANA Energy Marketing, LLC; and Walton Energy d/b/a Walton EMC Natural Gas (collectively, the "Named Marketers").

On May 9, 2024, AGL filed an amendment to the 2025-2034 i-CDP to amend the narrative document of the 2025-2034 i-CDP to correct tables under "Figure 5.10: Bill Impacts" and to update the filing date and file name as "amended." On May 14, 2024, Staff filed direct testimony and exhibits of Tony Wackerly and Janey Chauvet in response to the Company's direct case in this docket, along with the Direct Testimony, Exhibits, and 2024 Affiliate Audit Report of Randy A. Futral.

On May 29, 2024, the Commission issued an order revising the filing date for rebuttal testimony. On June 3, 2024, the Commission again issued an order extending the filing date for rebuttal testimony.

AGL and Staff negotiated a workable compromise that would meet the Commission Staff's and the Company's goals while protecting the public interest. On June 10, 2024, AGL, Staff, and the Intervening Marketers filed a Stipulation and the Joint Testimony of Tony Wackerly, Steven Murphy, and Michael J. Morley in support of the Stipulation. AGL also filed amended Minimum Filing Requirements on June 11, 2024.

The Commission held a hearing in this docket on June 12, 2024. AGL, Staff, and the Named Marketers stipulated to enter into the record the pre-filed direct testimony in support of the Company's direct case and the pre-filed direct testimony of Staff and waived cross examination of the pre-filed direct testimony.

This matter came before the Commission at the regularly scheduled Energy Committee on June 27, 2024. On July 2, 2024, at its regularly scheduled Administrative Session, the Commission voted to approve AGL's 2025-2034 i-CDP as amended on May 9, 2024 and as modified by the Stipulation.

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission carefully reviewed the original and amended i-CDP, the supporting Minimum Filing Requirements, the pre-filed direct testimony of AGL, the pre-filed testimony of Staff, the pre-filed testimony of Staff and AGL in support of the Stipulation, and the Stipulation entered into by AGL, Staff, and the Named Marketers, including the Attachments to the Stipulation (the agreed-to budget subcategories, the proposed DOT Rider Tariff, the Requirements Document for the Real Time Web Services, and the proposed Tariff for the System Reinforcement Rider (the "SRR"). Additionally, the Commission questioned the witness panel of Mr. Wackerly, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Morley during the hearing.

After thorough review and hearing, the Commission finds and concludes that the terms of the Stipulation are supported by the evidence in the record and are a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues in this Docket and further the public interest. Therefore, the Commission approves the Amended 2025-2034 i-CDP as modified by the Stipulation and adopts the Stipulation. The Commission further approves the agreed-to capital budgets in Attachment A to this Stipulation, the proposed DOT Rider Tariff in Attachment B to the Stipulation, the requirements document for the Real Time Web Services in Attachment C to the Stipulation, and the SRR Tariff in Attachment D to the Stipulation.

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**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED**, that all findings, conclusions, and statements made by the Commission and contained in the foregoing sections of this Order are hereby adopted as findings of fact, conclusions of law, and statements of regulatory policy of this Commission.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the Commission adopts the Stipulation, including the Attachments to the Stipulation, as a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues in Docket No. 43820.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the Commission hereby approves AGL's 2025-2034 i-CDP as amended on May 9, 2024 and as further modified by the Stipulation approved herein.

**ORDERED FURTHER**, that the Commission hereby approves the agreed-to budget tables, proposed revised DOT Rider Tariff, the Real Time Web Services requirements document, and the updated SRR Tariff, attached to Stipulation and the Pre-filed Testimony of Tony Wackerly, Steven Murphy, and Michael J. Morley.

**ORDERED FURTHER,** that the Commission finds that the SRR Tariff establishes just and reasonable rates for the forecasted revenue requirements associated with the SRR Tariff for the initial three years of this Plan and that the DOT Rider Tariff establishes the methodology to determine just and reasonable rates for the forecasted revenue requirements associated with the DOT Rider.

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

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

The above by action of the Commission during its Administrative Session on the 2nd day of July 2024.

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