BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE:	
Application of Atlanta Gas Light Company for Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Meriwether County	**Docket No. 30300**
Application of Liberty Utilities (Peach State Natural Gas) Corp. for Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Meriwether County	**Docket No. 41159**
Countywide Safety Plan for Meriwether	**Docket No. 29309**

JOINT PETITION OF ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY AND LIBERTY UTILITIES FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL TO AMEND THE COUNTYWIDE SAFETY PLAN FOR MERIWETHER COUNTY AND WAIVE THE HEARING REQUIREMENT

Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGL") and Liberty Utilities (Peach State Natural Gas) Corp. ("Liberty") file this Joint Petition with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission"), requesting that the Commission approve the proposed amendment to the Meriwether Countywide Safety Plan ("Meriwether CWSP") under Commission Rule 515-9-7-.01(4).

INTRODUCTION

On June 4, 2012, the Commission approved the Meriwether CWSP, establishing safety boundaries within Meriwether County between the natural gas distribution systems of AGL and the City of Manchester (Manchester"). Thereafter, in 2018, Liberty purchased Manchester's natural gas distribution system in Meriwether County, and the Commission approved an amendment to the Meriwether CWSP on June 5, 2018, along with Liberty's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

Under the current CWSP, there are unserved and unassigned areas within Meriwether County. AGL and Liberty, the only two operators in Meriwether County, have worked in good faith to divide the unserved and unassigned area within Meriwether County, so that any new customers will be able to receive natural gas service in a timelier manner. Dividing the currently unserved and unassigned territory will prevent the creation of duplicative gas systems in the future and reduce the number of approvals necessary to expand into an area that is currently unassigned. As part of this process, AGL and Liberty propose revisions to the current Boundary 1 and propose a new Boundary 2 between AGL and Liberty to expand AGL's and Liberty's territories to include the currently unassigned territory. A copy of the proposed Meriwether CWSP is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Also, AGL and Liberty request that the Commission waive the hearing requirement set forth in Commission Rule 515-9-7-.01(4).

CITATION TO AUTHORITY

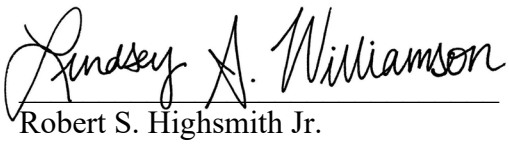
The Commission has the authority to amend a Countywide Safety Plan ("CWSP") under Commission Rule 515-9-7-.01(4). Rule 515-9-7-.01(4) provides that "[a]fter adoption of a Natural Gas Safety Plan by the Commission, any Operator in the county may petition the Commission to amend, or the Commission may on its own motion initiate proceedings to amend, the Natural Gas Safety Plan." The Rule requires that the Operator(s) proposing to amend the CWSP "shall provide notice to every Operator with a natural gas Distribution System in the county of its proposed amendment and shall work in good faith with the existing Operator or Operators to file a jointly proposed amendment with the Commission." Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 515-9-7-.01(4). AGL and Liberty have worked together in good faith to jointly file this Petition. There are no other Operators in Meriwether County.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, AGL and Liberty respectfully request that the Commission approve this Joint Petition to amend the Meriwether CWSP and waive the hearing requirement under Commission Rule 515-9-7-.01(4).

This 21st day of August 2024.

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