BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE:	
ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S ECON-1 TARIFF	**Docket No. 41559**

ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S AMENDED PETITION TO APPROVE ECON-1 PROJECT FOR JACKSON COUNTY TO SERVE CUSTOMER IN ATHENS

Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGL" or "Company") files this Amended Petition with the Georgia Public Service Commission (the "Commission") requesting approval of an ECON-1 Project in Jackson County to serve a Customer in Athens under AGL's ECON-1 Tariff in Docket No. 41559. AGL files this Amended Petition at Staff's request to show the breakdown for the individual customers for the ECON-1 Project for Jackson County, which is included within Exhibit A of this Amended Petition.

BACKGROUND

On October 10, 2017, the Commission approved AGL's ECON-1 Tariff in Docket No. 40828, which replaced the Company's previous economic development program, known as the Integrated Customer Growth Program. The purpose of the ECON-1 Tariff is to offer funding to qualified Applicants who are new or existing Firm customers, or a third party that applies on behalf of a new or existing Firm customer, that seek line-extension projects or pressure improvement for natural gas service. The Commission approved an amendment to AGL's ECON-1 Tariff in Docket No. 41559 on August 28, 2023, which, among other things, created an ECON-1 Rider for cost recovery for projects that provide economic development benefits within the State of Georgia and that increase system utilization.

AGL files this Amended Petition seeking approval of its proposed ECON-1 Project in Jackson County, Georgia (the "Jackson County Project") to serve a multi-unit retail establishment that meets the requirements of the G-11 rate class of AGL's ECON-1 Tariff and will bring economic development benefits to the State of Georgia.

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 and an identification of the applicable ECON-1 Tariff Section 3(A), 3(B), 3(C), or 3(D);

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 Jackson 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 Jackson 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 with a purchase of new equipment; 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 Jackson 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 new customers in Jackson County as a 2024 ECON-1 Project. As part of the Jackson County Project, AGL plans to serve a multi-unit retail establishment in Athens, Georgia. The retail development to be located within the city limits of Athens will include a yet to be named hotel, The Silo restaurant, The Rustic Rooster restaurant, St. Mary's medical facility, an Ace Hardware, and a Stripling's country store with gasoline sales named Redstone Market.

The Jackson County Project qualifies for approval under Section 3.C. of the ECON-1 Tariff as a Customer in the G-11 rate class. The estimated total customer capital investment amount for this project is $18,500,000. It is expected that this Project will add approximately 270 jobs to the local community, which is a significant economic development for this region of Georgia. The Company reasonably anticipates that the tax base for this project will be approximately $500,000. The Project will add connected load on a Firm basis of approximately 12,610 dekatherms per year.

In order to serve this commercial development, AGL proposes to tie-into an existing 4" plastic main located at the intersection of Lebanon Church Road and Bellamy Road and install approximately 3,833 feet of 4" plastic main (MAOP 60 psi) along Lebanon Church Road and Jefferson Road to reach the site. AGL estimates that this project can be completed at an estimated cost of approximately $570,000 as indicated on the attached estimate. A narrative description, detailed cost estimate, and map for the Jackson County Project is included herewith in Exhibit A. AGL is certificated to serve the relevant area of Jackson County. An analysis of this project under Rule 8 of the AGL Tariff or Tariff Rate E-1 indicates that the Customer would owe a contribution in aid of construction of approximately $100,000.

The Jackson County Project will provide a significant economic development benefit to the local community. Therefore, AGL requests that the Commission approve the Company's ECON-1 Project in Jackson County.

Submitted this 28th day of August 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that I have caused to be served the foregoing **ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S AMENDED PETITION TO APPROVE ECON-1 PROJECT FOR JACKSON COUNTY** upon the following parties via email as follows:

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