Atlanta Gas Light Company
ECON-1 Tariff
Docket 41559
Responses to Staff's 19th Set of Data Requests

Jackson County Project – Sugarloaf International

STF-19-1 On September 19, 2024, AGL filed a petition in DN 41559 for a Jackson County Project to serve a customer called Sugarloaf International. Please provide a business description of Sugarloaf International?

RESPONSE

Sugarloaf International LLC ("SI") is a domestic limited liability company that is developing the property and constructing the retail buildings. They will also be the owner of both buildings on the property.

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Director, Resource Planning & Economic Development
Southern Company Gas

STF-19-2 Does Sugarloaf International own the multi-unit commercial development where the new businesses will be located, which is at the corner of Winder Highway and Galilee Church Rd?

RESPONSE

Yes.

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STF-19-3 Will Sugarloaf International own any of the eight (8) new businesses that will be located at the new multi-unit commercial development?

RESPONSE

SI will own and operate the gas station/convenience store. SI will also own the building housing the other seven spaces and plans to lease the spaces to commercial tenants.

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STF-19-4 Will all eight (8) businesses have eight (8) separate gas meters?

RESPONSE

Yes. Please see the ECON-1 worksheet tab labeled Sheet 27(3) MEBs.

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STF-19-5 Has all eight (8) businesses, that AGL calls customers in the petition, committed to taking natural gas?

RESPONSE

See ECON-1 worksheet tab labeled Sheet 27(4)(a). The filing states that the developer has committed to gas service at the gas station/convenience store and the remaining retail spaces are yet to be determined.

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STF-19-6 Please provide the names of the eight (8) new customers.

RESPONSE

See ECON-1 worksheet tab labeled Sheet 27(4)(a) and the response to STF-19-5. The only named customer thus far is British Petroleum or BP, which is the gas station/convenience store.

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STF-19-7 How did AGL calculate the 1,080 annual dekatherms, since there will be eight (8) separate businesses?

RESPONSE

See ECON-1 worksheet tab labeled Sheet 27(3) MEBs. The second footnote indicates that the annual dekatherm load is indicative of the gas station/convenience store only, as the project qualifies for ECON-1 treatment according to the Tariff based on this load alone and the other loads are yet to be determined. The true load will not be known with certainty until the customer(s) is included in the annual DDDC recalculation. The estimated annual load calculation is as follows:

0.6 Dth/hr x 12 hr/day x 150 days/year = 1,080 Dth/yr.

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STF-19-8 Has Sugarloaf Internation made a Contribution In Aid of Construction ("CIAC") payment related to this project, or are any other of the eight (8) new businesses making a CIAC

RESPONSE

No.

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STF-19-9 What is the expected timeline for the new line-extension to be completed?

RESPONSE

If the project is approved by the Commission, AGL will develop a detailed construction timeline.

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STF-19-10 What is AGL's contingency, if no customer takes gas service after construction is completed?

RESPONSE

As is always the case, if the project is approved by the Commission, AGL will procure an executed line extension contract from the developer or customer(s) prior to beginning construction.

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STF-19-11 Related to the Google Map image below, has AGL representatives talked with any of the businesses or residential developments along the proposed route of the new line-extension about establishing natural gas service?



RESPONSE

Not as of the date of this application. However, the Account Representative that covers this area of AGL territory is and will continue to identify customers desiring to connect to the AGL system along this project route.

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STF-19-12 Since the inception of the ECON-1 tariff, twenty (20) ECON-1 projects have been filed. The Staff has made the observation that eighteen (18) of them listed in the MFR Sheet 27(3) MEB Line-7, Organization Requesting Service, were either the actual gas customer or a third party, such as a County development authority. In the last two filings for Effingham County Project and current Jackson County Project, Sugarloaf International, AGL listed itself as the Organization Requesting Service. Why is AGL requesting service on behalf of these entities instead of the gas customer, or the third party listed on Line-8 requesting service?

RESPONSE

SI is requesting service for this project. AGL is listed as the organization requesting service in this instance because the request came through the account representative.

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STF-19-13 Since AGL is the Organization Requesting Service, how did AGL become aware that this customer needed gas service?

RESPONSE

AGL became aware that this customer needs gas service through the Commercial Accounts Representative that covers this area of AGL service territory.

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STF-19-14 Since the Jackson County Project – Redstone Market, the Effingham County Project, and the Jackson County Project – Sugarloaf International were low cost line-extension projects, why didn't AGL file them as part of the 2025 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan and save the ECON-1 funding for larger more costly economic development projects?

RESPONSE

The projects referenced in the inquiry were not requested through the annual USF Survey and the projects met the qualification criteria for ECON-1 treatment, particularly with regard to the number of jobs expected to be created in these rural areas. AGL acknowledges that the Commission may consider these projects for USF treatment if funding under the existing USF cap is available.

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STF-19-15 How does AGL decide, or a differentiation, a proposed USF project from an ECON-1 project?

RESPONSE

AGL will often consult with Staff to obtain guidance on whether USF or ECON-1 treatment applies prior to filing an application. In instances where Staff is not consulted prior to filing, AGL will determine if the project meets the qualification criteria for ECON-1 treatment with particular emphasis on the number of jobs expected to be created and the location of the project. In these instances, if the project meets the qualification criteria, AGL will generally file the project under ECON-1. If not, the project is generally filed under USF unless the USF caps have been exceeded. AGL acknowledges that the Commission may consider either USF or ECON-1 for any project.

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