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

FINAL ORDER APPROVING ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S 2025 ANNUAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ECON-1) RIDER FILING

I. Background

On October 10, 2017, the Commission approved Atlanta Gas Light Company's ("AGL") Economic Development Tariff ("ECON-1 Tariff") as part of efficiency changes to AGL's customer growth initiatives. The ECON-1 Tariff, Section 27, was approved for large economic development projects with economic development parameters based on customer class, capital investment, new jobs created, and new gas load. The initial tariff allowed up to \$15 million per year for ECON-1 Tariff projects. On August 28, 2023, the Commission approved changes to the ECON-1 Tariff that increased the annual limit to \$25 million per year. ECON-1 projects were approved to be recovered through a surcharge mechanism similar to the i-CDP's SRR rider, a known and approved recovery mechanism, to recover the ECON-1 rate base.

By October 1st of each year, AGL will file a petition with the Commission to request a proposed update to the surcharge dollar amount, if necessary, with supporting information included in the filing. In keeping with base rates and past surcharge programs, including the SRR, the ECON-1 Rider rate recovery for each rate class shall be as follows:

- a. R-1, G-10, AG-1, and S-51 customers shall be charged an amount equal to the approved ECON-1 rate.
- b. G-11 customers shall be charged an amount equal to three (3) times the approved ECON-1 rate.

- c. G-12 customers shall be charged an amount equal to 25 times the approved ECON-1 rate.

The Staff will make a recommendation on the proposed surcharge amount, and the approved new rate will take effect on January 1st of each year.

The proposed changes to the ECON-1 Tariff provide for quarterly reporting to be filed with the Commission similar to the SRR reporting requirements. This will allow the Commission Staff an opportunity to review the status of the approved projects and the tracking of the recovery through the surcharge for any imbalances to cost and recovery.

II. AGL’s 2025 ECON-1 Rider Filing

On October 1, 2024, AGL filed a petition requesting approval of the 2025 ECON-1 surcharge. The recovery will be for any approved ECON-1 projects during 2024 and through 2025. As projects move into Plant In Service, they will begin recovery under the ECON-1 Rider. As provided in **Table-1** below, the current approved and outstanding projects are listed.

Table-1: Outstanding ECON-1 Projects

Project Name	Customer	Estimated Cost
Project Forage (Lowndes County)	Wal-Mart	\$13,954,253
McIntosh County Project	Tidewater Industrial Park	\$4,828,548
Athens-Clark County Project	Meissner	\$1,321,203
Port Wentworth	City of Port Wentworth & Ghost Pirates	\$1,261,515
Total Estimated Costs		\$21,365,519

As part of the petition, AGL proposed a base ECON-1 Rider rate of \$0.08. In **Table-2** below, a list of Customer Classes and the proposed 2025 ECON-1 Rider rates and estimated revenues are provided.

Table-2: 2025 ECON-1 Rates & Revenues

Customer Class	Tariff Charge	Monthly Rate	Estimated 2025 Revenue Collections
R-1 (Residential)	Base Rate	\$0.08	\$1,519,951
G-10 (Multi-Family)	Base Rate	\$0.08	\$42,044
AG-1 (Agriculture)	Base Rate	\$0.08	\$336
S-51	Base Rate	\$0.08	\$4
G-11 (Commercial/Industrial)	3 x Base Rate	\$0.24	\$278,806
G-12 (High Demand – Com/Ind)	25 x Base Rate	\$2.00	\$120
Total 2025 Estimated Revenue Collections			\$1,841,261

AGL will file quarterly reporting with the Commission. The Staff will examine the reporting to determine if the Rider rates are providing the proper recovery for the ECON-1 rate base.

III. Discussion on ECON-1 Rider Format

On September 4, 2024, AGL filed its 2025 Department of Transportation (“DOT”) Rider in Docket No. 43820. As part of Staff’s examination, it was found that AGL was proposing a quarterly reporting format for the 2025 DOT Rider Recovery Mechanism (“RRM”) that was different from the current System Reliability Rider (“SRR”) RRM provided in Docket No. 43820. In communications with AGL, it was determined that AGL intended to change the current SRR quarterly reporting format beginning the 1st Q 2025. The Staff did not accept this change. It was Staff conclusion that this would also impact the ECON-1 RRM and the DOT RRM. The Staff and AGL had numerous meetings on this issue.

On September 22, 2024, the Staff issued its 22nd Set of Data Requests in Docket No. 43820 to gather additional information on the DOT Rider filing. As part of STF-22-3, the Staff sought a universal RRM format for all three Riders and their reporting. On October 17, 2024, AGL filed responses to Staff’s 22nd Set of Data Requests. In response to STF-22-3, AGL agreed to use the current SRR RRM format for all RRM’s to include the SRR, DOT, and ECON-1. The Staff agreed with this outcome.

IV. Commission Decision

During the December 3, 2024 Administrative Session, the Commission approved AGL’s 2025 ECON-1 Rider petition with a base Rider amount of \$0.08 per R-1 Residential customer per month. The G-11 Commercial/Industrial customers shall pay three-times the base amount, or \$0.24 per customer per month. The high demand gas users, or G-12, shall pay twenty-five times the base amount or, \$2.00 per customer per month. The 2025 Rider will be effective on January 1, 2025.

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V. Ordering Paragraphs

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the Commission approves AGL’s petition in Docket No. 41559 for the 2025 ECON-1 Rider.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the R-1 Residential customers shall pay a base amount of \$0.08 per customer per month.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the G-11 Commercial/Industrial customers shall pay a three-times the base amount, \$0.24 per customer per month.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the G-12 high demand gas users shall pay twenty-five times the base amount, \$2.00 per customer per month.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the 2025 ECON-1 Rider shall be effective January 1, 2025.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the current SRR RRM quarterly filing format will be followed and used for the ECON-1 quarterly filings.

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

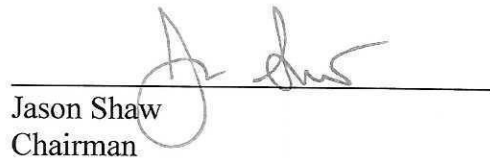
ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument, or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 3rd day of December 2024.


Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

12-27-24
Date


Jason Shaw
Chairman

12-27-24
Date