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IN RE: ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND  
APPLICATION PROJECTS

FINAL ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION NO. 9  
OCONEE COUNTY PROJECT

### I. Background

Commission Rule 515-7-5-.02 states that, consistent with O.C.G.A. §46-4-161, the Commission is authorized to create and establish regulations to administer a universal service fund for each gas company that elects to become subject to the provisions of Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and which satisfies the requirements of O.C.G.A. §46-4-154. With respect to each such gas company, which is also termed an "Electing Distribution Company" ("EDC") under the Natural Gas Competition and Deregulation Act, the Commission is charged with making a determination prior to the commencement of the electing distribution company's fiscal year as to the amount of funding that is appropriate for that year. Commission Rule 515-7-5-.03 states that a universal service fund shall be created for each electing distribution company for the purposes set forth in O.C.G.A. §46-4-161(a). These purposes include assuring that gas is available for sale by marketers to firm retail customers within a territory certificated to each such marketer; enabling the electing distribution company to extend and expand its facilities and service in the public interest; assisting low-income residential consumers in times of emergency as determined by the Commission; and consumers of the regulated provider of natural gas in accordance with Code Section 46-4-166. Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07 outlines procedures related to applications for disbursement from the Universal Service Fund for an electing distribution company

## II. Atlanta Gas Light Company (“AGL”) Universal Service Fund (“USF”) Application Projects – Oconee County Project

On November 21, 2025, AGL filed a USF application request, the Oconee County Project, in accordance with Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07(4) to provide gas service to Grace Fellowship Church in Bogart, Georgia. To serve this facility, AGL proposes to tie-into the existing 4” plastic on Malcom Bridge Road and install approximately 996 feet of 4” plastic main along Malcom Bridge Road and 461 feet of 1-1/4” plastic service line to serve the facility. Using systemwide average costs results in the customer owing a \$51,081.65 contribution in aid of construction (“CIAC”) under the Rule 8 Nonresidential Main and Service Extension of the AGL Tariff.

### III. Staff Analysis

#### A. Project Review

Under Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07(4), AGL was required to provide an Application Excel Worksheet (“AEW”), which included the calculation of the customer Contribution In Aid of Construction (“CIAC”). The CIAC represents the shortfall that the customer would have to pay to AGL prior to providing the line-extension. The CIAC is the USF funding request, with income taxes, and finance costs. The Staff reviewed the AEW and worked with AGL to resolve issues. The calculations determined that the Allowable Investment for the project was \$58,508.15. The Cost to Serve was \$99,686.38. The shortfall was \$41,178.23, and this would become the customer’s CIAC. When income tax and finance costs were applied, the USF portion would be \$47,901.81. See **Table-1** below.

**Table-1: Oconee County Project**

<b>viii. Section-8: Allowable Investment Calculation</b>	
<b>Estimated Annual Revenue</b>	\$2,350.71
<b>Allowable Investment</b>	\$20,577.56
<b>125' of Pipe</b>	\$8,548.44
<b>Supplemental Allowable Investment</b>	\$27,031.44
<b>Total Allowable Investment including 125' of pipe</b>	<b>\$58,508.15</b>
<b>Contribution In Aid of Construction (“CIAC”)</b>	
<b>ix: Section-9a: Cost to Serve (Main + Service):</b>	\$99,686.38
<b>x: Section-9b: Allowable Investment:</b>	\$58,508.15
<b>xi: Section-9c: (Excess Allowable)/Shortfall or CIAC</b>	<b>\$41,178.23</b>
<b>xii: Section-10a: Contribution from Customer</b>	\$0.00
<b>xiii: Section-11: USF Requested Amount Before Gross Up</b>	<b>\$41,178.23</b>
<b>Income Tax Gross Up</b>	\$6,474.04
<b>Financing Cost Gross Up</b>	\$249.54
<b>USF Requested Amount After Gross Up</b>	<b>\$47,901.81</b>

**B. USF Available Funds & Cost to Serve**

As shown in **Table-2** below, the 2026 beginning balance is \$25 million. In 2025, the Commission committed \$10.8 million for the Emanuel County Project and \$3 million for USF low-income assistance from the 2026 \$25 million restriction’s balance. The Staff has projected that the USF 2026 Regulated Provider disbursements will be approximately \$542,132. Currently, there is \$14.3 million encumbered against the 2026 \$25 million restriction, leaving \$10.6 million unencumbered and available for additional USF projects and low-income assistance. Likewise, if the Commission approves the three proposed USF projects in DN 43510 and DN 41560, the January 1, 2026 unencumbered balance will be \$10.1 million. The proposed projects have no impact on AGL’s 5% capital budget cap.

**Table-2: 2026 \$25 Million Restriction**

<b>Year 2026 USF \$25 million Restriction Encumbrance Analysis</b>	<b>Balances Beginning January 2026</b>
<b>O.C.G.A. 46-4-161(b) \$25 Million Cap for Approved Projects</b>	<b>\$25,000,000.00</b>
2025 Total Approved AGL Line-Extension Projects: Year 2026 Allotment - Actual	\$10,830,354.00
2025 Regulated Provider Disbursements - Projected	\$542,131.75
2025 Low-Income Assistance: Year 2026 Allotment - Actual	\$3,000,000.00
<b>2025 Total Disbursements Attributed to Year 2026</b>	<b>\$14,372,485.75</b>
DN 43510: USF 2026 Plan: Bartow County Project	\$255,922.00
DN 43510: USF 2026 Plan: Lanier County Project	\$186,125.00
DN 41560: USF Oconee County Project	\$47,901.81
<b>Proposed USF Projects Total</b>	<b>\$489,948.81</b>
<b>2026 USF Funding Unencumbered Including Proposed 2026 Projects</b>	<b>\$10,137,565.44</b>

**IV. Commission Decision**

During the December 16, 2025, Administrative Session, the Commission approved AGL’s USFs Application Project for the Oconee County Project with USF funding of \$47,901.81.

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**V. Ordering Paragraphs**

**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED**, that the Commission approves the Oconee County Project with USF funding of \$47,901.8.

**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, 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 as the Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

  
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Sallie Tanner  
Executive Secretary

12-17-25  
Date

  
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Jason Shaw  
Chairman

12-17-25  
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