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***In Re*:**	)	
Countywide Safety Plan for Crawford	)	**DOCKET NO. 29280**
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Application of Mid-State Energy Commission for a Pipeline Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a Natural Gas Pipeline in Crawford County, Georgia	)	**DOCKET NO. 56627**
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Application of Atlanta Gas Light Company for Amended Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Crawford County	)	**DOCKET NO. 29401**
	)	
City of Fort Valley's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a Natural Gas Pipeline for Crawford County	)	**DOCKET NO. 29386**
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ORDER ON THE COUNTYWIDE SAFETY PLAN AND CERTIFICATE AMENDMENTS AND GRANTING A WAIVER OF COMMISSION RULE 515-7-1-.15(6) AND HEARING REQUIREMENTS

These matters come before the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") as a result of the Petition filed by Mid-State Energy Commission ("MSE") for an Amendment to the Countywide Safety Plan ("CWSP"), the granting of a Pipeline

Certificate, a waiver of Georgia Public Service Commission Rule 515-7-1-.15(6) (the "80-Foot Rule"), and waiver of the associated hearing requirements for all Petitions.

I. JURISDICTION

The Commission has general jurisdiction over natural gas utilities. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20. Specifically, the Commission maintains safety jurisdiction over all natural gas transmission and distribution facilities within Georgia, including those natural gas facilities which are owned and operated by municipalities. O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20(i). The Commission further has jurisdiction over Georgia intrastate natural gas operators pursuant to *inter alia*: 49 U.S.C.S. §§ 60105 and 60122, 49 C.F.R. Part 191, 49 C.F.R. Part 192; O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-21, 46-2-30, 46-2-53, 46-2-90, 46-2-91, 46-4-1, 46-4-31, 50-13-1 *et seq.*; and Commission Rules 515-7-1-.01 *et seq*, 515-9-1-.01 *et seq.*, 515-9-3-.01 *et seq.*, 515-9-6-.01 and 515-9-7-.01 *et seq.*

The Commission has further jurisdiction pursuant to Commission Rules 515-9-1-.01 and 515-9-3-.03; both adopting the Rules and Regulations prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation applicable to the "Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Safety Standards" (49 C.F.R. Parts 40, 191, 192, 193 and 199) having been made the Rules and Regulations of the Commission for the safe installation and operation of all natural gas transmission and distribution facilities by companies subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 5, 2025, (Docket 29280, Document 223874) the Mid-State Energy Commission filed a Petition to amend the Crawford Countywide Safety Plan ("CWSP"). The proposed amendment comes as a result of MSE's proposed new tap on the Kinder Morgan Southern Natural Gas Company pipeline to be located at the southern edge of Monroe County. MSE proposes to install a new pipeline from the new tap in Monroe County through Crawford and Peach Counties into Houston County. The pipeline will terminate at a point on existing MSE pipeline facilities that are within MSE's current Pipeline Certificate and Countywide Safety Plan Pipeline-Only Right-of-Way. Additionally, MSE's proposed pipeline will cross Atlanta Gas Light Company's system in two locations. These petitions seek to revise the current boundaries of the Crawford County CWSP to include a new MSE Pipeline Only Right of Way and request a waiver of the 80-Foot Rule.

The Crawford CWSP has not been amended since it was approved by this Commission on June 2, 2011.

Mid-State Energy Commission, Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGLC"), and Fort Valley Utility Commission ("FVUC") are the Operators in Crawford County. MSE's request is not opposed by any of the existing Operators in Crawford County and they will not be affected by these petitions.

On September 5, 2025, MSE filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Crawford County (Docket 56627, Document 224188). The proposed pipeline will provide additional capacity for MSE's existing natural gas distribution system in Houston County. MSE does not seek authority to provide natural gas services to any customers in Crawford County. MSE does not seek authority to provide natural gas services to any customers from its proposed pipeline located within the Countywide Safety Plan territory of AGLC or FVUC. MSE only seeks authority to construct the proposed pipeline in Crawford County which will be a part of MSE's distribution system in Monroe, Peach, and Houston Counties and other counties served by MSE.

AGLC and FVUC have a Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for Crawford County (Docket 29401 and Docket 29386). Both were approved on December 28, 2010. Since MSE will not provide natural gas distribution service in Crawford County, no customers of AGLC or FVUC will be affected.

The Commission's Facility Protection Unit has reviewed the Petitions and has no objections to the requests being made in the Petitions.

Mid-State Energy Commission requests that the Commission approve the amended Crawford CWSP and the waiver of the 80-Foot Rule and hearing requirement. Mid-State Energy Commission also requests the Commission grants its Pipeline Certificate petition and waive the hearing requirement.

III. STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

The Natural Gas Staff has performed its due diligence on the above-listed Petitions. The Facilities Protection Unit has inspected the proposed boundaries and waivers and has no objections to the requests.

Staff recommends that the Commission grant the amendment to the Crawford CWSP, the associated Certificate Application of Mid-State Energy Commission and waivers to the 80-Foot Rule and associated hearing requirements.

IV. STATUTES AND COMMISSION RULES INVOLVED

The Commission has the power and authority to enforce the provisions of: Ga. Const. Art. 9, § 6, ¶ 2, O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-20 *et seq.*, 46-2-30, 46-2-50, 46-2-51, 46-2-52, 46-2-53, 46-2-71, 46-2-90, 46-2-91, 46-4-20 *et seq.*, 46-4-30 *et seq.* and 50-13-1 *et seq.*, applicable to Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Safety of Natural Gas Pipelines/Distribution systems regulated by the Commission. The Commission has further power and authority to enforce the Commission's Natural Gas Certification and Safety Rules: 515-7-1 *et seq.*, 515-9-1 *et seq.*, 515-9-3 *et seq.* and 515-9-7 *et seq.* The Commission's specific Constitutional and statutory authorities can be found *inter alia*, at Ga. Const. Art. 9, § 6, ¶ 2, O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-20, 46-2-21, 46-2-30, 46-2-51, 46-2-53, 46-2-54, 46-2-57, 46-2-58, 46-2-59, 46-2-71, 46-2-90, 46-2-91, 46-2-92, 46-2-93, 46-4-21, 46-4-22, 46-4-23, 46-4-24, 46-4-25, 46-4-26, 46-4-27, 46-4-28, 46-4-29, 46-4-30, and 46-4-31. The applicable Commission Rules involved are, *inter alia*, at 515-7-1-.01 *et seq.*, 515-9-1-.01 *et seq.*, 515-9-3.01 *et seq.*, and 515-9-7-.01.

V. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. THE COMMISSION FINDS AND CONCLUDES that it has jurisdiction over natural-gas utilities. (O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20). Specifically, the Commission maintains safety jurisdiction over all natural gas transmission and distribution facilities within Georgia, including those natural gas facilities which are owned and operated by municipalities. (O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20(i)). The Commission further has jurisdiction over Georgia intrastate natural gas operators pursuant to *inter alia*: 49 U.S.C.S. §§ 60105 and 60122, 49 C.F.R. Part 191, 49 C.F.R. Part 192; O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-21, 46-2-30, 46-2-53, 46-2-90, 46-2-91, 46-4-1, 46-4-20 *et seq.*, 50-13-1 *et seq.*; and Commission Rules 515-7-1-.01 *et seq.*, 515-9-1-.01 *et seq.*, 515-9-3-.01 *et seq.*, 515-9-6-.01 and 515-9-7-.01 *et seq.*

2. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that Mid-State Energy Commission, Atlanta Gas Light Company, and Fort Valley Utility Commission are each individually and collectively subject to the safety jurisdiction of the Commission.

3. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that the Facilities Protection Unit Staff of the Commission has the authority to inspect the facilities of all Georgia natural gas providers pursuant to the legal citations contained supra.

4. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that Mid-State Energy Commission, Atlanta Gas Light Company, and Fort Valley Utility Commission hereby waive any hearings and/or further findings or conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matters and agree that the Commission may enter an

order based upon the agreement of the Petitioners, to comport their respective certificated territories to the safety-based boundaries agreed to in the Joint Consent Agreement attached hereto and the Countywide Safety Plan agreed to by the Cities and Staff (attached as Exhibit "A" to the Consent Agreement and "C" (Maps) thereto). The Crawford Countywide Safety Plan Consent Agreement, Plan, and Plan Map(s) are all incorporated into this order as if specifically written herein.

5. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that the Countywide Safety Plan for Crawford County (see Exhibit "A" to the Consent Agreement (Attachment "One")) agreed to by the Operators and Staff, shall be the Countywide Safety Plan for Crawford County until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

6. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that compliance with all parts of the Countywide Safety Plan for Crawford County (*id.*) shall begin immediately upon issuance of this Commission Order. All timelines and action items contained within the Consent Agreement and Crawford Countywide Safety Plan shall be incorporated by reference into the body of this Order Adopting Consent Agreement as if specifically written herein and the failure of the Operators to meet all such timelines and/ or act on all such action items shall be a violation of this Order.

7. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that all changes to the Countywide Safety Plan for Crawford County shall be made in accordance with *inter alia*, Commission Rule 515-9-7-.01 *et seq*.

8. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that Mid-State Energy Commission's Petition for waiver of Commission Rule 515-7-1-.15(6) and the hearing requirement therein are granted.

9. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that Mid-State Energy Commission's Pipeline Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity shall be granted to conform to the safety-based boundaries agreed to by Staff and the Crawford County Operators in accordance with the Countywide Safety Plan /Maps attached hereto. (Exhibit "A" to the Joint Consent Agreement and Attachments "A" and "C" thereto respectively (for the Plan and Plan Maps)).

10. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that based on the Commission's review of the proposed Countywide Safety Plan /Maps and Certificate Application submitted, that such agreements by the Operators are respectively, a reasonable and appropriate resolution of the Countywide Safety Plan and Certificate proceedings for Crawford County, Georgia.

11. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS AND CONCLUDES that the executed Joint Consent Agreement and the Crawford Countywide Safety Plan /Maps attached hereto, are hereby adopted by the Commission, and shall constitute a final resolution of the Crawford Countywide Safety Plan and the related Certificate dockets.

VI. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all findings of fact and conclusions of law contained within the preceding sections of this Order are hereby adopted as the findings and conclusions 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 this Commission may deem just and proper.

The above by action of the Commission in Administrative Session on the **16th day of December 2025.**

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

Jason Shaw
Chairman

12-18-25
Date

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