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**IN RE: ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND  
FACILITIES EXPANSION PLAN**

**FINAL ORDER APPROVING ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S PETITION TO  
APPROVE THE 2026 UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FACILITIES EXPANSION  
PLAN**

## **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's 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan**

Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07(1) and (2) outlines the process requirements for an EDC to file a USF Annual Plan. On November 25, 2025, Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGL") filed the Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan ("USF 2026 Plan") with two proposed projects. This included the Bartow County Project and the Lanier County Project. . Additionally, on December 1, 2025, AGL made a supplemental filing to update MFR-1. As required by Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07(2)(a)-(g), AGL filed seven (7) required Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFR"). The MFRs included the following:

- MFR-1: Written description of each project
- MFR-2: AGL capital budget
- MFR-3: Stakeholder process
- MFR-4: Maps of each project
- MFR-5: Basic economic development data
- MFR-6: Project Financial Analysis
- MFR-7: Project Technical Analysis

### **A. MFR-1 Project Description**

#### **Bartow County Project**

This project is for the Eco Materials Technology located at 2650 Old State Highway, Taylorsville, Georgia 30178. AGL proposes to serve an electricity generation waste recycling operation. The customer removes residue from waste ponds and uses the residue to produce tires and asphalt binders, among other things. This is an existing AGL customer that is expanding the use of natural gas from approximately 216 CFH to 3,500+ CFH by adding a commercial dryer to process the product. This expansion is expected to result in the addition of three to four incremental jobs to the area. AGL proposes to upsize approximately 1,625 feet of 2" MHP steel pipe with 4" plastic pipe originating on Old State Highway 113 northeast of the facility to reach the facility. An approximately 45-foot 1-1/4" plastic service line is required to replace an existing 7-foot service line to provide sufficient gas supply for the expansion.

#### **Lanier County**

This project is for the City of Lakeland. The project proposes to serve the city workshop and city wellhouse for the city of Lakeland, Georgia. Both of these facilities desire to install natural gas fired backup generators for use during primary electric service power loss. For the workshop, AGL proposes to tie-into existing 2" plastic pipe on S Williams Street at the intersection of S Williams Street and E Footman Avenue, install approximately 1,120 feet of 2" plastic pipe (MAOP 60 psi) along E Footman Avenue and S Valdosta Road to reach the workshop. The workshop will also require an approximate 300 foot 1-1/4" plastic service line. For the wellhouse, AGL proposes to tie-into existing 2" plastic (MAOP 60 psi) on N Pine Street and install an approximate 35 foot 1-1/4" plastic service line.

## B. MFR-2 Capital Budgets

AGL filed all data related to their capital budgets approved in the 2025-2034 i-CDP as a trade secret to include the 5% cap portion. See below.

AGL's Total Capital Budget for FY 2025 is \$XXX,XXX,XXX. Based on this, the 2026 Fiscal Year USF Eligible Disbursement Amount is \$XX,XXX,XXX using the 5% cap on the FY 2025 capital budget dollar amount as a placeholder and pending the USF account balance. PSC Rule 515-7-5-.06 (1) limits the availability of funds from the USF for a given fiscal year to \$XX million.

## C. MFR-3 Stakeholder Process

AGL filed a survey response as a trade secret. There were 39 respondents.

The EDC will set up a link on its website with a description of the Annual Plan and use an online public stakeholder process to help identify potential projects across the State of Georgia. The public survey will begin April 1st and close June 30th each year. As part of the Annual Plan filing, the EDC will include stakeholder information as an electronic Excel spreadsheet that will list the following, if available:

- i. Name of Stakeholder
- ii. Date Responded to Survey
- iii. Company/Organization Address, Phone #, and Email Address
- iv. Project Name
- v. Project Type
- vi. County
- vii. Project Address (If Known)
- viii. Project Closest Intersection
- ix. Year Natural Gas Service Needed
- x. Economic Development Details in Project Area

## D. MFR-4 Maps

AGL filed a map, but it did not have sufficient details.

## E. MFR-5 Basic Economic Development Data

AGL provided the basic economic impact data below.

### Lanier County

Name of Company(s)	City of Lakeland, GA
Capital investment by Company(s)	Unknown
Jobs created	N/A at present.
Annual payroll	N/A
Known residential or commercial growth	No known incremental residential or commercial growth has been identified.
Other information	See MFR-1.

### Bartow County

Name of Company(s)	Eco Materials Technologies
Capital investment by Company(s)	\$8,550,000
Jobs created	3 to 4
Annual payroll	Unknown
Known residential or commercial growth	No known incremental residential or commercial growth has been identified.
Other information	See MFR-1.

## F. MFR-6 Financial Technical Analysis

In MFR-6, AGL provided the Cost to Serve, for the Lanier County Project at \$186,125 and the Bartow County Project at \$255,922. This includes income tax and finance cost gross ups. See **Table-1** below.

**Table-1: MFR-6 Cost to Serve**

Line	Type	Project	Footage Size/Type	Estimated Engineering Costs*	Income Tax Gross-Up	Financing Cost Gross-Up	Cost to Serve
1	Commercial	Lanier	1,120' x 2" plastic 335' x 1-1/4" plastic	\$160,000	\$25,155	\$970	\$186,125
2	Commercial	Bartow	1,625' x 4" plastic 45' x 1-1/4" plastic	\$220,000	\$34,588	\$1,333	\$255,922
3							
			Total:	\$380,000	\$59,744	\$2,303	\$442,046

## G. MFR-7 Project Technical Analysis

In MFR-7, AGL provided technical details about each line-extension project, including the gas load, PSI, pipe length details, wall thickness, and other details.

## III. Staff Analysis

### A. Project Review

The Staff reviewed the MFRs provided by AGL, and the filing was whole and complete. Further, the Staff reviewed Google Maps and QPublic.net to obtain a better understanding of the project areas and companies involved.

### 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>
<b>2025 Total Approved AGL Line-Extension Projects: Year 2026 Allotment - Actual</b>	<b>\$10,830,354.00</b>
<b>2025 Regulated Provider Disbursements - Projected</b>	<b>\$542,131.75</b>
<b>2025 Low-Income Assistance: Year 2026 Allotment - Actual</b>	<b>\$3,000,000.00</b>
<b>2025 Total Disbursements Attributed to Year 2026</b>	<b>\$14,372,485.75</b>
<b>DN 43510: USF 2026 Plan: Bartow County Project</b>	<b>\$255,922.00</b>
<b>DN 43510: USF 2026 Plan: Lanier County Project</b>	<b>\$186,125.00</b>
<b>DN 41560: USF Oconee County Project</b>	<b>\$47,901.81</b>
<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 USF 2026 Plan for the Lanier County Project with USF funding of \$186,125 and the Bartow County Project with USF funding of \$255,922.

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**I. Ordering Paragraphs**

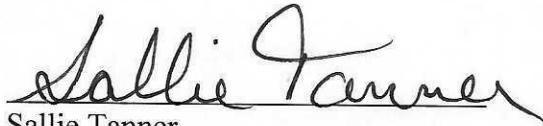
**WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED**, that the Commission approves AGL’s USF 2026 Plan for the Bartow County Project with an estimated cost of \$255,922 and the Lanier County Project with an estimated cost of \$186,125.

**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.

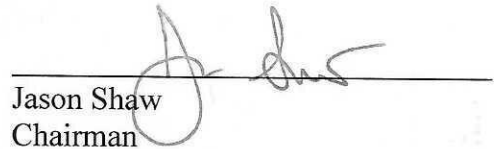
**ORDERED FURTHER**, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order or Orders as the Commission may deem just and proper.

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



Sallie Tanner  
Executive Secretary

12-18-25  
Date



Jason Shaw  
Chairman

12-18-25  
Date