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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 AMEND 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 Petition to Amend the 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan

On September 2, 2025, AGL filed its 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan with the Commission, but it had no projects to bring forward at that time. On November 25th and December 1st 2025, AGL filed its Amended Petition to Approve 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan ("Amended USF 2026 Plan-I") for the Bartow County Project and Lanier County Project. During the December 16, 2025 Administrative Session, the Commission approved the projects.

On February 13, 2026. AGL filed to Amend the 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan to include Projects in Gilmer County and Coweta County ("Amended USF 2026 Plan-II"). Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07(1) and (2) outlines the process requirements for an EDC to file a USF Annual Plan. 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

First, AGL presented the Gilmer County Project. This project proposes to serve the Old Clear Creek Poultry Farm containing four poultry houses and a workshop located near the city of Ellijay, Georgia, in Gilmer County. On April 24th, AGL withdrew the project from consideration.

Second, AGL presented the Coweta County Project. This project proposes to serve the new Coweta County Fire Station #10, in Coweta County. AGL stated that Coweta County is investing approximately $6.6 million to construct this facility. The petition included that the fire station plans to utilize natural gas for space heating, water heating, cooking, and an emergency generator. The filing stated that this installation will add in excess of 3,000 CFH of connected load. In the filing, it was stated that the customer would owe a CIAC in excess of $200,000 if the project were to be completed under Tariff Rule 8.

B. MFR-2 Capital Budgets

When the Staff reviewed the 2025 capital budgets approved in the 2025-2034 i-CDP, the total was $667,989,452. Based on this dollar amount, the 5% cap would be $33,399,473. However, as provided in O.C.G.A. 46-4-161(b), the USF is restricted to $25,000,000 in any approved obligations during AGL's fiscal year (calendar year).

C. MFR-3 Stakeholder Process

The Staff reviewed MFR-3 and found no material issues.

D. MFR-4 Maps

AGL provided maps related to the two proposed projects.

E. MFR-5 Basic Economic Development Data

AGL provided the basic economic impact data below.

Coweta County

Name of Company(s)	Coweta County Government
Capital investment by Company(s)	$6.6 million
Jobs created	unknown
Annual payroll	N/A
Known residential or commercial growth	No known incremental residential or commercial growth has been identified along this corridor.
Other information	See MFR-1.

F. MFR-6 Financial Technical Analysis

Below, AGL filed MFR-6 with the estimated Cost to Serve with income tax and finance cost ratios.

Original MFR-6

Line	Type	Project	Footage Size/Type	Estimated Engineering Costs*	Income Tax Gross-Up	Financing Cost Gross-Up	Cost to Serve
1	Commercial	Coweta	2,300' x 4" plastic 450' x 1-1/4" plastic	$ 380,000	$ 59,744	$ 2,303	$ 442,046

*Estimates are Stage Gate 1 with an interval of +50%/-30%

Income Tax Ratio	Finance Ratio
0.15722	0.00606

G. MFR-7 Project Technical Analysis

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

III. Staff Analysis

A. Project Review: Coweta County Project

In MFR-6, the Staff found that the Coweta County Project had rounded dollar amounts, and incorrect Income Tax and Finance Cost ratios were used. The Staff recalculated the dollar amounts. As part of Staff's 18th Set of DRs, the Staff provided Table-1 below with adjusted dollar amounts, and AGL agreed. With corrected income tax and finance cost ratios applied, the total estimated Cost to Serve was $443,484.

Table-1: Corrected MFR-6

Line	Type	Project	Footage Size/Type	Estimated Engineering Costs*	Income Tax Gross-Up	Financing Cost Gross-Up	Cost to Serve
1	Commercial	Coweta	2,300' x 4" plastic 450' x 1-1/4" plastic	$381,456	$59,705	$2,323	$443,484

Income Tax Ratio	Finance Ratio
0.15652	0.00609

B. USF Available Funds & Cost to Serve

Related to year 2026, the current unencumbered USF balance related to the $25 million restriction is $10,137,565.

IV. Commission Decision

During the May 5, 2026, Administrative Session, the Commission approved Atlanta Gas Light Company's Petition to Amend the 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan for the Coweta County Project with a total estimated Cost to Serve of $443,484.

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V. Ordering Paragraphs

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the Commission approves Atlanta Gas Light Company's Petition to Amend the 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan for the Coweta County Project with a total estimated Cost to Serve of $443,484.

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 5th day of May 2026.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

5-15-26
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

5-15-26
Date