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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 JEFF DAVIS COUNTY PROJECT

I. Background

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-20, 46-2-21, and 46-2-23, the Commission has general jurisdiction over natural gas companies. The Commission also administers the Georgia Natural Gas Competition and Deregulation Act, O.C.G.A. § 46-4-150 et seq. The Commission administers the USF pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-4-161. As provided in O.C.G.A. § 46-4-161(a)(2) and (g)(1), the Commission shall consider proposed USF funded line-extension projects with a number of factors, including whether the proposed new facility is in the public interest. The distributions during any fiscal year shall not exceed $25 million, O.C.G.A. § 46-4-161(b), and it shall not exceed five percent of the EDC's capital budget, O.C.G.A. § 46-4-161(g)(2).

II. Atlanta Gas Light Company's Petition

On June 2, 2026, AGL filed an Amended 2026 Universal Service Fund ("USF") Facilities Expansion Plan ("Amended 2026 USF Plan-III"), which included the Jeff Davis County Project.

Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07(1) and (2) outlines the process and requirements for an Electric Distribution Company ("EDC") to file a USF Annual Plan. In accordance with Commission Rule 515-7-5-.07(2)(a)-(g), AGL filed seven (7) Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs). 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: Jeff Davis County Project

AGL proposed to serve the new Jeff Davis County Primary School in Hazlehurst, Georgia. The Jeff Davis County Board of Education is investing $32 million in the school's construction. AGL stated that the school plans to utilize natural gas for space heating, water heating, cooking, and a backup generator.

To serve the site, AGL proposed to tie-into existing 2-inch plastic on Pat Dixon Road east of its intersection with of Pat Dixon Road and Buford Road and install approximately 1,945 feet of 2-inch plastic (MAOP 60 psi) along Pat Dixon Road to reach the school. The school also requires an approximate 600-foot 2-inch plastic service line.

AGL also identified a pressure improvement necessary to remove a system constraint. The Company proposes to install approximately 1,525 feet of 2-inch plastic (MAOP 60 psi) along Collins Street and retire approximately 1,525 feet of 1-1/4-inch MHP steel pipe. The existing 1-1/4-inch MHP steel pipe proposed for retirement is connected to 2-inch pipe on both ends presenting a bottleneck that must be removed.

B. MFR-2 Capital Budgets

AGL did not file an MFR-2 because it was provided as part of the original USF 2026 Plan filing on November 25, 2025. There have been no changes to its 2026 capital budgets.

C. MFR-3 Stakeholder Process

AGL did not file an MFR-3 because it was provided as part of the original USF 2026 Plan filing on November 25, 2025. There are no updates to the stakeholder process.

D. MFR-4 Maps

AGL provided maps related to the proposed project.

E. MFR-5 Basic Economic Development Data

For the Jeff Davis County Project, AGL stated that the construction of the new school would create 130 jobs associated with the $32 million investment.

MFR-5
Jeff Davis County

Name of Company(s)	**Jeff Davis County BOE**
Capital investment by Company(s)	$32 million
Jobs created	Approximately 130
Annual payroll	N/A
Known residential or commercial growth	No known incremental residential or commercial growth has been identified.
Other information	See MFR-1.

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F. MFR-6 Financial Technical Analysis

AGL listed an engineering estimate of $330,000. With income taxes and finance costs, the total USF request was $383,661.

G. MFR-7 Project Technical Analysis

In MFR-7, AGL provided technical specifications for each line-extension project, including gas load, PSI, pipe lengths, wall thickness, and other engineering details.

III. Staff Analysis: Jeff Davis County Project

The Staff performed its due diligence by reviewing the filed MFR's. The Staff reviewed MFR-1 related to the description of the project. For MFR-2, the Company's 2026 capital budget was filed public disclosure as part of the 2025 – 2034 Integrated Capacity and Delivery Plan ("i-CDP") Final Order in Docket No. 43820. The 2026 capital budget was $687,051,667, and the 5% budget cap was $34,352,583. There is a $25,000,000 budget restriction, and for 2026, there is $9,694,081 unencumbered and available. There are no issues with funding the project. Regarding MFR-3, there was not any new information provided from the original USF 2026 Plan filing. The Staff reviewed the map of the project shown in MFR, and the Staff used Google Maps to review the project sites. In MFR-5, the Staff reviewed the economic development information. The Staff reviewed MFR-6 for the Cost to Serve, and found that AGL had rounded the dollar amounts. The original MFR-6 used an engineering estimate of $330,000 before income taxes and finance costs. The Staff used the exact numbers for the engineering estimate at $333,224. With income taxes and finance costs added, the total project request was $387,409. Regarding MFR-7, AGL listed that the expected gas load was 6,779 cubic foot per hour. It included the same dollar amounts and pipe facilities and cost estimates as MFR-6. AGL has stated that it has an Asset Development Process ("ADP") utilized to generate construction estimates. ADP consists of five stage gates that develop and refine project estimates. ADP prescribes that the first stage gate includes a +50%/-30% interval to account for unknowns that cannot be foreseen in preparing a stage gate 1 estimate. As the project progresses, the estimate is refined through stage gates 2 through 5 as unknowns are identified. Stage gate 1 estimates are typically presented to the Commission with USF projects. The Staff found the MFR's to be whole and complete.

IV. Commission Decision

At the June 16, 2026 Administrative Session, the Commission approved Atlanta Gas Light Company's Petition to Amend the 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan for the Jeff Davis County Project finding it to be in the public interest with a total estimated Cost to Serve of $387,409.33.

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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 Jeff Davis County Project finding it to be in the public interest.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission approves an estimated cost of $387,409.33 for the Jeff Davis County Project.

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 16th day of June 2026.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

6-29-26
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

6-29-26
Date