BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Meriwether County-Wide Safety Plan	)))	Docket No. **29309**

JOINT CONSENT AGREEMENT

Come Now, the Facilities Protection Unit Staff ("Staff") of the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission"), Atlanta Gas Light Company, Liberty Utilities, and the City of Grantville (collectively, "Applicants"); and hereby agree to presentation of the following proposed disposition of the above-styled matter:

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

1.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to *inter alia*: O.C.G.A. §§ 46-2-20, 46-2-30, 46-2-53, 46-2-90, 46-2-91, 46-4-1, 46-4-31, 46-4-34, 46-4-35, 50-13-1 *et. seq.*; and Georgia Public Service Commission Rules 515-9-1-.01 *et. seq.*, 515-9-3-.01 *et. seq.* and 515-9-7-.01 *et. seq.*; all regarding the safe installation and operation of gas distribution systems within the State of Georgia.

2.

Commission Staff has safety jurisdiction over the facilities of municipal natural gas providers as delegated by the Commission pursuant to the legal citations contained *supra*.

3.

Applicants hereby waive any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter and agree that the Commission may enter an order based upon the agreements contained herein and the attached County-Wide Safety Plan ("CWSP") agreed to by the Applicants (and attached hereto as Attachment "A-E"), without the necessity of receiving evidence in support thereof.

AGREEMENT

By signing below, Applicants and Staff hereby agree that the above-styled matters should be resolved by executing this Joint Consent Agreement as follows:

1.

This Joint Consent Agreement, if approved by the Commission, shall constitute a final resolution of the Meriwether CWSP proceedings. Applicants agree that they will abide by the terms of this Joint Consent Agreement.

2.

The CWSP for Meriwether County (see attached, Attachment "A") agreed to by the Applicants and Staff, shall be the CWSP for Meriwether County until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

3.

Compliance with all parts of the CWSP for Meriwether County (*id.*) shall begin immediately upon issuance of the Commission Order adopting this CWSP. All timelines and action items contained within the Meriwether CWSP shall be incorporated by reference into the body of this Consent Agreement as if specifically written herein and the failure of the Applicants to meet all such timelines and/ or act on all such action items shall be a violation of this Consent Agreement.

4.

All changes to the CWSP for Meriwether County (*id.*) shall be made in accordance with *inter alia*, Commission Rule 515-9-7-.01 *et seq.*

5.

This Joint Consent Agreement shall not become effective until and unless it is approved by the Commission. Applicants enter into this Joint Consent Agreement without admission of fault or liability.

6.

The undersigned authorized representatives of Atlanta Gas Light Company, Liberty Utilities, and the City of Grantville acknowledge by their respective signatures below that each has read this Joint Consent Agreement and understands its contents. The undersigned hereby further acknowledge that each Applicant has a right to a hearing in these matters and does freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waive such right by entering into this Joint Consent Agreement. The undersigned hereby consent on each Applicant's behalf to the resolution of the Meriwether CWSP proceedings as provided for herein.

This 24th day of March 2026:

Consented to:

Walt Farrell, President and CEO
Authorized Representative of Atlanta Gas Light Company

Carolyn Bermudez, President
Authorized Representative of Liberty Utilities

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Attachment A

COUNTYWIDE

SAFETY

PLAN:

MERIWETHER COUNTY

(Revised March 2026)

ATTACHMENT A

COUNTYWIDE SAFETY PLAN

MERIWETHER COUNTY

SECTION ONE

Definitions

[See Subsection (1) of Georgia Public Service Commission (the "PSC") Rule 515-9-7-.01 (the "Rule")]

As used in this Plan, the term:

(a) An "area of close proximity and joint response" is defined as any point along a defined boundary in this County-wide Gas Safety Plan where any point of the natural gas distribution and/or pipeline facilities of two or more Operators are within two hundred twenty (220) yards of the defined boundary.

(b) "Distribution System" means mains, services, and equipment which carry or control the supply of natural gas from the point of local supply or supplies to and including the consumers' meters. "Distribution System" shall include any segment of transmission line being used to serve retail end users.

(c) "Municipality" means a city, county or any other political subdivision of a State.

(d) "Natural Gas Safety Plan" or "Plan" means a written set of procedures approved by the Commission to minimize unsafe situations and the potential for confusion among emergency response personnel and the public in a county where more than one Operator has a natural gas Distribution System. Natural Gas Safety Plans must include the elements required by this Rule and shall not conflict with state and federal pipeline safety laws and regulations.

(e) "Operator" means any person (including a municipality) who engages in the transportation of natural gas by pipeline, except that the term shall not mean a master-meter operator. An included Operator means an operator that is included in this Plan.

(f) "Overlap area" and "overlapping area" mean any geographic area where a natural gas operator has or seeks legal authority to provide (or is providing or running gas lines to provide) distribution pipeline facility service or has a transmission line providing distribution service in a county within five (5) miles of the gas facilities of another natural gas operator.

(g) "Party" or "Parties" refers to one or more entities operating a natural gas system that is governed by this Countywide Safety Plan.

(h) "Pipeline Facility" means new and existing pipeline, rights-of-way, and any equipment, facility, or building used in the transportation of natural gas or in the treatment of natural gas during the course of transportation.

(i) "Public Officials and Emergency Responders" means fire and law enforcement authorities, 911 call centers and other public officials responsible for protecting the public and responding to natural gas related emergencies.

SECTION TWO

Description of the Parties to the Plan:
[See Subsections (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c) and (2)(d) of the Rule]

The Parties to this Plan are as follows:

Gas System Operator

Atlanta Gas Light Company
City of Grantville
Liberty Utilities

In addition, **Attachment B** identifies the individuals designated by each Party to this Plan as the Responsible Points of Contact for official notices required herein.

Attachment B-1 identifies those Public Officials and Emergency Responder groups within the county that will be educated on procedures required by this Plan and provides names, titles and telephone numbers for key individuals within those organizations.

Attachments B-2 through B-4 provide job titles/classifications, emergency and alternate telephone numbers, addresses, and roles and responsibilities for each Operator's key personnel covered by this Plan.

Attachments B-1 through B-4 shall be updated at least annually. In addition, such contact information shall be updated whenever any Party to this Plan becomes aware of a change to a Party's emergency contact number. Such updates do not constitute amendments to this Plan.

Attachment C provides the CWSP Map for this Plan.

Attachment D provides a list of customer transfers (if any).

Attachment E provides a form for recording natural gas safety plan meetings between the operators.

SECTION THREE

Plan Boundaries
[See Subsections (3)(a), (3)(g) and (3)(g)(iv) of the Rule]

The Parties to this Plan agree to the following safety-based boundaries as defined in Section 3(a) of the Rule and Plan maps labeled Attachment C (Three drawings – one overall Meriwether County map and two sectional comparison maps to better identify revised areas in question). Where there may be confusion between the plan map and the boundary description the plan map shall prevail.

Pipeline-only Right of Way (ROW):

For areas identified as Pipeline-only Right of Way (ROW), the operator identified within each particular description shall have the right to operate and maintain its existing pipeline facilities. The operator shall have no right to tap and/or provide distribution service to end use customers off of that facility unless so stated within the specific Pipeline-only Right of Way (ROW) description and only after prior approval by the Commission of such tap and/or distribution service.

There are no Pipeline-only ROW within this plan.

Boundary Descriptions:

Due to the complexity of the boundaries in question where many boundaries extend along parcel lines within Gwinnett County, the use of Latitudes and Longitudes have been incorporated into the descriptions below to better pinpoint where boundaries take directional changes or where its use better helps identify boundary locations. When typed in the address bar on the Google Maps web page at **http://maps.google.com/**, the location in question will be pinpointed with a green arrow. An example on how to type the location in the Google address bar would be:

> A description below of Latitude: 34.122044, Longitude: -83.819933 as described would be typed in the Google address bar as:
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> 34.122044,-83.819933 (with no spaces). Then choose enter.

When viewing the location in Google Maps, the web page allows the user to view the location as a Map View or Satellite View by choosing the appropriate icon.

Boundary 1:
Boundary 1 is between Atlanta Gas Light Company and Liberty Utilities. Boundary 1 is located in the southern central portion of Meriwether County and runs from the Meriwether/Troup County border to the eastern border between Meriwether and Upson County. Boundary 1 begins at said western border of Meriwether County at approximately Latitude: 32.970124, Longitude: -84.864488 where the right-of-way of the

Seaboard Coastline Railroad crossed the county border just south of Wadley Street. The safety-based boundary follows the railroad right-of-way southeastwardly until it reaches a railroad crossing in Durand at approximately Latitude: 32.916435, Longitude: -84.775049. The safety-based boundary then turns northeastwardly, following the railroad right-of-way (which runs beside Chipley Highway), until it reaches a parcel boundary of a land lot that fronts Crowder Road on the northern side at approximately Latitude: 32.943872, Longitude: -84.726869. The safety-based boundary continues east along parcel boundary lines until it reaches Handco Branch at approximately Latitude: 32.943744, Longitude: -84.716694. Boundary 1 then follows Handco Branch easterly, crossing Highway 41 to a pond at approximately Latitude: 32.945396, Longitude: -84.693156. The safety-based boundary continues easterly along the southern shore of said pond to Jacks Creek at approximately Latitude: 32.945702, Longitude: -84.687651. The safety-based boundary then continues southeasterly along Jacks Creek until intersecting with Cane Creek at approximately Latitude: 32.936519, Longitude: -84.657536, then continues northeasterly crossing Highway 85 at approximately Latitude: 32.942352, Longitude: -84.637026, then continues easterly until intersecting with Mill Creek at approximately Latitude: 32.943677, Longitude: - 84.611546. Boundary 1 then extends southeasterly along Mill Creek crossing Norfolk Southern Railway to where it intersects one of its tributaries at approximately Latitude: 32.930453, Longitude: -84.605468, and then continues southeasterly along said tributary, crossing Highway 85, and continuing south/southeasterly until said tributary ends at approximately Latitude: 32.923806, Longitude: -84.576224 west of Belts Mountain Road. Boundary 1 then follows an imaginary straight line northeasterly until reaching the beginning of a Sheep Rock Hollow Creek tributary at approximately Latitude: 32.928511, Longitude: -84.570774 east of Belts Mountain Road. The safety safety-based boundary then continues northeasterly then southeasterly along said tributary crossing Upper Cove Road and continuing southeasterly to its intersection with Sheep Rock Hollow Creek at approximately Latitude: 32.932555, Longitude: - 84.552123. Boundary 1 then continues east/southeast along Sheep Rock Hollow Creek crossing John Brown Road at approximately Latitude: 32.926436, Longitude: - 84.539502 and then crosses Cove Road at approximately Latitude: 32.922050, Longitude: -84.535264. The safety-based boundary then continues east along Sheep Rock Hollow Creek until it reaches the Meriwether County/Upson County border at approximately Latitude: 32.922617, Longitude: -84.525104.

Boundary 2:

Boundary 2 is between Atlanta Gas Light Company and Liberty Utilities. Boundary 2 is located in the north central portion of Meriwether County and runs from the western border between Meriwether County and Troup County to the northern border of Meriwether County and Coweta County. Boundary 2 begins at said western border of Meriwether County where Bear Creek enters Meriwether County at approximately Latitude: 33.097109, Longitude: -84.863302. Boundary 2 safety-based boundary extends along Bear Creek in an easterly direction crossing Keith Road at approximately Latitude: 33.100946, Longitude: -84.856618 and continuing along Bear Creek in a easterly direction until Bear Creek intersects one of its tributaries at approximately Latitude: 33.078064, Longitude: -84.792016, then continues along the tributary until it ends at approximately Latitude: 33.075091, Longitude: -84.781562. The safety-based

boundary then extends north along parcel lines to approximately Latitude: 33.079020, Longitude: -84.781519. then extends eastward along back parcel lines of two parcels that fronts Wilbur Keith Road on the north side to Highway 100 at approximately Latitude: 33.080467, Longitude: -84.777324. Boundary 2 then extends southeast along the centerline Highway 100 a short distance until its intersection with Forrest Road, then the safety-based boundary extends northeast along the centerline of Forrest Road a short distance to approximately Latitude: 33.080887, Longitude: -84.776642. Boundary 2 then extends east along back parcel lines of parcels fronting Jarrell Road on the north side to approximately Latitude: 33.083348, Longitude: -84.756378, then extends north/east/south/east along parcel lines of a large parcel to Mt. Pilgrim Road at approximately Latitude: 33.085383, Longitude: -84.746710. Boundary 2 then extends south along the centerline of Mt. Pilgrim Road until it reaches Parks Creek at approximately Latitude: 33.082772, Longitude: -84.746688. Boundary 2 then extends eastward along Parks Creek to Highway 41 at approximately Latitude: 33.086401, Longitude: -84.720340, then extends north along the centerline of Highway 41 until it reaches Coleman Creek at approximately Latitude: 33.156702, Longitude: -84.734253. The safety-based boundary then extends along Coleman Creek in a southeasterly direction to Coleman Creek's intersection with Long Branch at approximately Latitude: 33.148578, Longitude: -84.712504. Boundary 2 then extends along Long Branch in a northerly direction to approximately Latitude: 33.189635, Longitude: -84.726981 where Long Branch intersects a parcel line east of Highway 41, then extends west/north/east along parcel lines of a large parcel to approximately Latitude: 33.198049, Longitude: -84.725637, then extends north along parcel lines to approximately Latitude: 33.206016, Longitude: -84.725884, then extends east along parcel lines crossing over where Luthersville Road and Strickland Town Road intersect and continues along back parcel lines of parcels fronting Strickland Town Road on the north side to approximately Latitude: 33.213801, Longitude: -84.693077, then extends north/west/north/east along back parcel lines of parcels fronting Bishop Road on the west side until reaching the Meriwether/ Coweta County border at approximately Latitude: 33.222706, Longitude: - 84.694661.

Boundary 3:

Boundary 3 is between the City of Grantville and Liberty Utilities. Boundary 3 is located in the northwest portion of Meriwether County and runs from the western border between Meriwether County and Troup County to the northern border of Meriwether County and Coweta County. Boundary 3 begins at the western border of Meriwether County where Yellowjacket Creek intersects the Meriwether/Troup County Line at approximately Latitude: 33.203313, Longitude: -84.851946. Boundary 3 extends northeasterly along the centerline of Yellowjacket Creek to the centerline of I-85 at approximately Latitude: 33.222162, Longitude: -84.814041. Boundary 3 extends along the centerline of I-85 in a northeasterly direction to the point at which I-85 intersects the Meriwether/Coweta County Line at approximately Latitude: 33.223450, Longitude: -84.813084.

Areas of Close Proximity and Joint Response:

In all areas identified on Plan map(s) Attachment C as areas of close proximity and/or joint response, each affected natural gas operator (i.e. AGLC, City of Grantville, and Liberty Utilities) shall be contacted in the event of a natural gas emergency.

Currently, there are no areas of close proximity.

SECTION FOUR

Notification and Map Updating Procedures
[See Subsections (3)(b), (3)(c), (3)(d) and 7(c) of the Rule]

The Parties to this Plan agree to the following notification and map updating procedures for Operators, Emergency Responders and Public Officials as defined in Sections 3(b), 3(c) and 3(d) of the Rule.

1. Operators

a. All Operators in Meriwether County agree to exchange up-to-date detailed maps. Such map exchanges shall occur within 60 days of Commission approval of this Plan and subsequently by the end of the first quarter of each calendar year thereafter. These maps shall identify current facility locations, showing the location of the natural gas pipeline facilities of each Operator within the county. Each operator's personnel identified in **Attachments B-2 through B-4** responsible for Annual Liaison activities in this Plan will ensure that this exchange of maps between operators occurs annually. Maps may be exchanged electronically, via certified mail or by hand-delivery. The up-to-date detailed maps shall be used to annually identify changes in areas of overlap, and areas of close proximity and joint response. Areas of close proximity and joint response identified during this annual review shall be annotated on the area maps provided to Emergency Responders and Public Officials addressed below in item 2 of this Plan Section 4. Any Operator may request a meeting with any other Operators in the event that there are issues requiring clarification and such meeting shall take place within 60 days of request.

b. Should any areas of overlap, as defined by this rule, develop the operators will provide detailed maps. These maps will show the locations of all mains and related facilities within the overlap area.

c. Operators shall meet at least annually, to perform Annual Liaison with all other operators, first responders, appropriate fire departments, law enforcement agencies, county 911 and other public officials to update all parties on the boundaries and procedures contained within this Plan. Documentation of such meeting shall be kept and shall include, but not be limited to, a list of attendees, an itemized and dated agenda, copy of all presentations, meeting minutes (such as questions, comments and concerns raised) and updated maps. Emergency Responders or Public Officials that are unable to attend the Annual Liaison meeting shall be provided with copies of all meeting documents listed above, which shall be provided by e-mail, facsimile or certified return-receipt requested mail. Proof of service thereof shall be maintained by each operator where information is later confirmed face-to-face. Proof of service thereof shall be maintained by each operator for the two most recent exchanges.

d. Should an additional meeting for clarification be necessary, the affected Operator(s) will make a request for such via letter delivered by certified mail or electronic mail to the person(s) listed in plan **Attachment(s) B-1 through B-4** responsible for liaison activities for each operator whose system is in question by Operator(s). Proof of service will be maintained by each Operator(s) as documentation that a meeting was requested. Affected operators will maintain the completed *Record of Countywide Natural Gas Safety Plan Meeting* form **(Attachment D)** as documentation that a meeting occurred between operators to address issues requiring clarification. As detailed on the form, meeting date, involved parties and designated representatives, reason for the meeting, and topics discussed will be recorded. Records will be kept for five years.

2. Emergency Responders and Public Officials

a. Each Operator agrees to establish and maintain liaison with Emergency Responders, and Public Officials (see **Attachment B-1**) at least once each calendar year following Commission approval of the plan. Said liaison shall coordinate an annual meeting and invite Emergency Responders and Public Officials and Operators as well. The purpose of this liaison will be to:

   i. Provide current boundary maps (if applicable) and to perform liaison requirements required by 192.615(c) and API RP 1162.

   ii. Identify and define for Public Officials and Emergency Responders any areas on the up-to-date boundary maps in which Public Officials and Emergency Responders should contact multiple Operators in the event of a natural gas emergency.

b. Should boundary changes occur prior to the annual map updating requirement, operators shall provide updated boundary maps to all appropriate Emergency Responders and Public Officials within 60 days following Commission approval of Plan boundary changes.

c. Documentation associated with liaison activity and/or map updating, shall be kept in accordance with item 1(c) above in this Plan Section 4.

SECTION FIVE

Procedures Involving Facilities of Another Operator
[See Subsections (3)(e), (3)(f) and 7(b) of the Rule]

The purpose of this Section is to establish procedures for Operators to follow in the event that an Operator is contacted about an emergency involving another Operator's facilities. The Parties to this Plan agree to the following provisions for procedures involving facilities of another Operator as defined in Sections (3)(e) and (3)(f) of the Rule:

1. The parties agree to hold public safety as the highest priority when addressing these natural gas facility emergency responses.

2. For purposes of this Plan, Operators shall use the following procedures if they are contacted by members of the public or Public Officials and Emergency Responders regarding a natural gas emergency involving pipeline facilities that belong to another Operator.

    a. If an emergency is reported in areas where more than one Operator responds, then affected Operators will respond in accordance with the requirements below of item 3 of this Plan Section 5. In the event there is ever any question as to which Operator's facilities are involved at a location of a reported emergency, each Operator agrees to dispatch an Operator Qualified representative to further evaluate the situation.

    b. If an emergency is reported to an Operator in an area where the Responding Operator does not have facilities, then the Responding Operator shall immediately contact the affected Operator and other emergency responders as appropriate.

3. For purposes of this Plan and with regard to minimizing hazards to life or property during an emergency response when the only Operator on site is one whose facilities are not involved, the Parties agree as follows:

    a. The initial responding Operator will contact the Operator whose facilities are affected by the Emergency area.

    b. Each Operator will dispatch only Operator Qualified individuals trained on the emergency procedures identified in this Plan and that have access to the safety boundaries for the county defined in this Plan.

    c. In the event of an emergency involving the facilities of another Operator and subject to d., e. and f. below, nothing in this sub-section shall require the Responding Operator's representative to take any action other than as set forth in this subsections (3) of Section (5) of this Plan.

    d. When the Responding Operator's representative is first on the scene, he/she shall have the authority, but not the obligation, to: close the service valve(s) at the affected premises of the Affected Operator's customer(s),

if, in the Responding Operator's representative's sole judgment, he/she is able to do so without risk to personal safety.

e. "Area of a gas emergency" shall include but not be limited to: "incident", "incident area", "scene", "scene of the emergency" and all other gas emergencies that may arise. All Operators shall ensure that all procedures included in this CWSP (specifically and/or by incorporation of Operator qualifications and Operator emergency procedures) are utilized in all areas of a gas emergency, whether or not such area of gas emergency involves an Operator's own facilities or that of another Operator's facilities.

f. The responding Operators representative will not depart until;

   i. They have ensured that the affected operators personnel are on site, or
   ii. They have ensured that another emergency responding agency (i.e. Fire Department / Police) is in control of the area, or
   iii. They have ensured that there is no immediate danger to the health and welfare of the general public, that the affected operator is aware of the situation, and in their professional opinion there is no further need for them to remain on the scene, or
   iv. In the event that a Responding Operator receives notice of an emergency on their pipeline system, the Operator's representative may respond to the emergency provided that the Operator's personnel takes action to notify both the affected Operator, and local Emergency Responders as identified in **Attachments B-1 through B-4**. The responding Operator's representative will document the circumstances necessitating the emergency for departure and the responding Operator will maintain this documentation as part of this plan.

g. In performing the actions set forth in subsection f. (i)-(iv) in this Plan section, the Responding Operator's representative will comply with the Responding Operator's emergency procedures set forth below. As a courtesy, a copy of these procedures will be provided to the Pipeline Safety Staff.

h. The provisions in Section Five are not to be construed as creating a duty on the part of the Responding Operator to perform any action other than as set forth in subsection (3) of Section (5) of this Plan; or as permission by the Affected Operator to the initial Responding Operator to perform any other acts not enumerated above; or to operate any equipment on a gas main or transmission line that is part of the gas infrastructure of the Affected Operator.

4. Atlanta Gas Light Company will use its emergency procedures detailed in Sections 2.4 through 2.12 of the AGLC emergency procedures manual developed in accordance with 49 CFR 192.615(a) for emergency response, and Operator Qualification Abandonment and Deactivation of Facilities (service line not in use) - Protocol 001B for discontinuing gas service. Atlanta Gas Light Company will provide these procedures to the Pipeline Safety Staff, and the other operators subject to this plan, and will provide updates as necessary.

5. The City of Grantville will use their emergency procedures detailed in Sections I, III, and VI of the SRCS Emergency Plan, which were developed in accordance with 49 CFR 192.615(a), and the negotiated GMA OQ procedure for Manually Opening and Closing Valves (B31Q Task #0301). The City of Grantville will provide these procedures to the Pipeline Safety Staff one time for use in all counties in Georgia in which they operate, and update as necessary.

6. Liberty Utilities will use its emergency procedures detailed in Sections 27.1, 27.2, 27.4 through 27.10, 27.12, and 27.13 of the Liberty Utilities O&M Manual, which were developed in accordance with 49 CFR 192.615 (a), and Operator Qualification turn off procedure as detailed in Chapter 3 page 16 of the Liberty Utilities Service Procedure Manual for emergency response and/or discontinuing gas service. Liberty Utilities will provide these procedures to the Pipeline Safety Staff one time for use in all counties in Georgia in which they operate and update as necessary

7. All Operators in this Plan agree to, exchange, review, and accept the Operator Qualification and emergency procedures detailed above in Section Five subparagraphs 2 through 5 for the specific applications required for compliance with this Plan before allowing other Operators to perform the aforementioned procedures, and update said procedures when necessary.

8. Each Operator's designated point(s) of contact for communication between Operators, Public Officials and Emergency Responders when an Operator is contacted about an emergency involving another Operator's facilities are identified and defined under the roles and responsibilities listed in **Attachments B-1 through B-4** of this Plan.

SECTION SIX

Transfer of Customers
[See Subsections (3)(g)(i) and (8) of the Rule]

The Parties to this Plan agree to the following provisions for the transfer of customers as defined in Sections 3(g)(i) and (8) of the Rule.

- This Plan proposes no transfer of customers or facilities to or from any Operator under this Plan.

SECTION SEVEN

Procedure for Minimizing and Managing Safety Risks
[See Subsection (3)(h) of the Rule]

The purpose of this part is to provide procedures to be followed that will minimize and manage safety risks in areas of proximity as detailed on the maps exchanged annually by operators and defined in Plan Section 3 and map(s) **Attachment C**. During the annual liaison meeting required by Section 4 of this Plan, the Operators shall review for any changes to areas of overlap and/or close proximity. If areas of overlap and/or close proximity are found, the Operators shall coordinate the implementation of their Public Awareness Program under 49 CFR 192.616 and RP 1162. The Operators shall further, adhere to the following procedures in order to minimize and manage safety risks where areas of overlap and/or close proximity develop:

1. Install and maintain appropriate pipeline warning markers as close as practical on each side of the crossings identified in this County.

2. Contact affected Operators a minimum of 48 hours before any non-emergency excavation occurs.

3. Monitor the receipt of Notification of Proposed Construction Reports (GC-1) to identify potential conflicts.

4. Ensure that all affected Operators have been contacted in the event of an emergency as required by Plan Section Five.

5. Not extend facilities beyond the safety boundaries as outlined in this Plan.

6. Fulfill requirements established under 49 CFR 192.616 and API RP 1162.

7. Patrol areas of proximity and joint response as defined in Section Three and detailed on revised Plan map(s) **Attachment C** in accordance with each Operator's operations procedures for distribution or transmission main patrolling on a quarterly basis not to exceed 4½ months. For purposes of patrolling, areas of proximity are defined as areas of joint response and are defined in Section Three of this Plan and are detailed on revised Plan map(s) **Attachment C**. Consideration will be given to excavation activity, physical deterioration of exposed piping, land subsidence, and damage to casing vents. In addition, leakage surveys and cathodic protection surveys and monitoring will be conducted in accordance with each Operator's procedural requirements.

8. Any issues discovered while fulfilling the requirements detailed in item 7 above affecting another Operator will be communicated, as soon as practical, to the affected Operator.

9. Operators affected by the area of joint response may share patrol duties for efficiency and to eliminate duplicative efforts. Information resulting from any shared patrols will be exchanged, as soon as practical, between Operators.

SECTION EIGHT

Incorporation of Natural Gas Safety Plan into Operation and Emergency Manuals
[See Subsection (5) of the Rule]

Each Operator shall incorporate the Meriwether County Natural Gas Safety Plan into its operation and emergency manuals upon Commission approval of the Plan.

SECTION NINE

Training on Emergency Procedures
[See Subsections (3)(f) and (6) of the Rule]

The purpose of this Section is to provide procedures to be followed for training Operators' personnel on emergency procedures that are incorporated in this Plan. Training is to be provided as follows:

1. The Operators agree to conduct the required training of all appropriate operating and emergency personnel no later than 120 days after Commission approval of this Plan. This training shall include the Meriwether County-Wide Safety Plan and any emergency procedures referenced therein and will be conveyed through computerized instruction and testing (ex. web-based), classroom instruction and testing, on-site field training and testing, or other medium acceptable to the Commission. In addition, each Operator shall furnish its supervisors who are responsible for emergency action as designated in **Attachments B-2 thru B-4**, with a copy of that portion of the effective edition of the emergency procedures referenced in Section 5 of this Plan. This training may be joint training involving multiple operators. Each Operator shall maintain documentation associated with the most recent training provided. Documentation shall include, but not be limited to, each Operator's representatives trained on the requirements of the Meriwether CWSP. All Operators shall document with specificity, the identity of all personnel trained on the CWSP (name, job title, date trained and each procedure and plan element for which training has occurred for that individual); an itemized and dated agenda for the training provided shall be kept to ensure

that accurate and timely training is provided; and one copy of all training materials utilized for training purposes shall be kept.

2. In addition, supplemental training on these procedures shall be done by the appropriate Operator following any modification of their procedures or change in personnel where such training is necessary.

3. Training due to any modification of the Plan, change in procedures or change in personnel shall occur within 60 days of the Plan or procedure modification, or personnel change. Each Operator shall maintain documentation associated with supplemental training provided. Documentation associated with training due to any modification of the Plan, change in procedures or change in personnel shall be kept in accordance with the documentation requirements of item 1 above of this Plan Section 9.

SECTION TEN

Procedure for Establishing and Maintaining Liaison
[See Subsections (7)(a), (7)(b), (7)(c), (7)(d), (7)(e) and (7)(f) of the Rule]

The purpose of this Section is to provide procedures for establishing and maintaining liaison with the appropriate Emergency Responders, Public Officials, and other Operators that are party to this Plan (**Attachments B-1 through B-4**). These procedures shall also be followed for liaison and training on emergency procedures that are incorporated in this plan. Operators shall establish and maintain Annual Liaison in accordance with the requirements of the County-wide Safety Plan Rule and each Operator's Emergency Plan as provided to the Pipeline Safety Staff one time for use in all counties in Georgia in which they operate. Updates to the Meriwether County CWSP and/or any Meriwether County Operator's Emergency Plan shall be provided as they occur in accordance with the timelines provided for in this CWSP.

For the purposes of this Plan, each Operator shall extend this liaison to include the other Operators that are party to this Plan. Liaison with other Operators shall occur, at least, during the Annual Liaison meeting, listed in Section Four of this Plan, for the exchange of maps with Emergency Responders and Public Officials. Documentation of the Annual Liaison meeting shall be kept in accordance with the requirements in Section Four of this Plan.

Liaison and training are to be provided as follows:

1. Annual Liaison will consist of:

    a. Providing the following information to each of the individuals / agencies listed in **Attachments B-1 through B-4**. This will include:

i. The Name and 24-hour Point of Contact for each Operator under this plan;

ii. The Operators responsibility to operate their system in accordance with all Federal law, State law, and PSC Rules including, but not limited to operators, procedures under API RP 1162 – Public Awareness Programs for Pipeline Operators, as required by 49 CFR Part 192.616;

iii. Providing maps of the geographic area(s) in which the operator has facilities.

iv. Determining the availability of emergency responders to assist in the event of a pipeline emergency.

v. Responsibility and resources of the Operator and Emergency Responders for fire control, bodily injury, and area evacuation problems in connection with a gas pipeline emergency;

vi. Description and capability of emergency equipment and vehicles;

vii. Procedures to facilitate prompt communications in emergencies; and

viii. Level of Operator qualified training of responders.

b. Acquainting public officials with emergency procedures.

i. The availability, capability and location of each operator's personnel, equipment, and materials for response to gas pipeline emergencies.

ii. In areas where multiple pipeline operators have facilities, consideration will be given to joint emergency training and liaison activities with the local emergency response officials.

iii. Identifying emergencies that require notification to and from public officials.

c. Identifying the types of emergencies that may require notification of public officials by gas system operators include the following:

i. A serious fire on adjacent property;

ii. Serious bodily injury;

iii. One where the number of people involved or spectators are too numerous for the operator to handle;

iv. One adjacent to public rights-of-way where the public could be endangered;

v. One in which patrol or area evacuation is needed; and

vi. An incident in a populated area.

d. Identifying the types of emergencies that might require notification to gas system operators by public officials include the following:

i. Report of gas odor;

ii. Damage to gas facilities;

iii. Operation of a gas system valve by non-operator personnel; and

iv. Report of a gas outage.

e. Planning with public officials and operators of facilities in the vicinity of the pipeline for mutual assistance.

i. Each gas system operator will establish and maintain liaison with fire, police, public officials and operators of other facilities in the vicinity of each operator's pipelines to plan how to engage in mutual assistance to minimize hazards to life and property. This planning will include how to work together effectively in an Incident Command System. Consideration will be given to various situations including the following.

1. Situations where the operator has reason to believe a hazard may exist and where other emergency personnel, such as fire and police, may be able to respond more quickly than operator personnel.

2. Situations that involve the evacuation of buildings and properties.

3. Advise police and fire departments that operator personnel may need to conduct leak investigations inside buildings and on properties within the area of the emergency.

4. Situations where the operation of electric or other utilities located in the vicinity of the pipeline may provide sources of ignition for the gas released, may increase burning time or

intensity of fires that have already started, or may delay responders who are attempting to make the situation safe.

5. Means of ensuring that communication is ongoing during the emergency response so that pertinent information is shared in a timely manner.

6. The gas characteristics and properties, such as pressure, specific gravity, gas odor, and flammability limits, should be provided to emergency response officials. The implications of these characteristics and properties on emergency response decisions should be thoroughly discussed. In discussions with emergency response officials, the operator should emphasize the following.

7. The importance of this information to outside emergency response personnel arriving before the operator's personnel.

8. The use of this information in making decisions, such as areas to be evacuated, traffic rerouting, and control of ignition sources.

9. The importance of combustible gas detectors when responding to an incident.

f. Comments, suggestions and recommendations from the annual meetings will be evaluated by the Operators and incorporated into this plan if deemed appropriate by the Parties. Documentation of comments, suggestions and recommendations from the annual meetings that are not incorporated shall be kept in accordance with the requirements of Plan Section 4, subparagraph 1(c). Participants shall be provided the name, address (postal and email) and phone number of the Commission's Facilities Protection Unit.

g. Documentation of all liaison activity will be maintained as required in Section 4 of this Plan.

SECTION ELEVEN

Review and Updating of Gas Safety Plan
[See Subsection (9) of the Rule]

This Plan shall be reviewed by all Operators of natural gas systems within Meriwether County, amended as necessary, and resubmitted to the Commission no later than five years from the date of Commission approval of the Plan. Amendments of the Plan

other than those due to the five-year review requirement will be in accordance with Sections (2)(c), (2)(d) and (4) of the Rule as appropriate.

SECTION TWELVE

Plan Rationale and Assumptions

Per the Rule, all Meriwether County Operators conducted meetings for purposes of establishing safety-based boundaries. Also, per the Rule, each Operator considered natural and man-made boundaries and readily identifiable landmarks in the county and negotiated in good faith to establish safety-based boundaries using these items where practical and available. Areas of proximity were identified and discussed, with affected Operators determining how best to respond to potential emergencies in such areas.

Boundaries between AGLC and Liberty Utilities, and Liberty Utilities and the City of Grantville were established by good faith negotiations between the Operators. All the Operators agreed that the boundaries separating their systems will minimize or eliminate confusion among customers and emergency responders in the event of a gas emergency.

SECTION THIRTEEN

Requests for Service Outside of Boundary Area
[See Subsections (3)(g)(vi) and (4) of the Rule]

Operators receiving requests from potential customers to provide natural gas service in areas that they are unable to serve under the safety-based boundaries established by the Plan will direct the customer to the Operator that can serve the potential customer consistent with the Plan or promptly petition to amend the Plan pursuant to the provisions of the Rule in order to afford such service.

After adoption of this Natural Gas Safety Plan by the Commission, any Operator in the county may petition the Commission to amend, or the Commission may on its own motion initiate proceedings to amend, the Natural Gas Safety Plan. The Operator proposing to amend the Plan shall provide notice to every Operator with a natural gas Distribution System in the county of its proposed amendment and shall work in good faith with the existing Operator or Operators to file a jointly proposed amendment with the Commission. If the Operators cannot agree within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, then the Operator seeking to amend the Plan shall file with the Commission a proposed amendment to the existing Plan. The Commission shall decide whether to grant, modify or deny the proposed amendment. Before amending a Plan based on the petition of an Operator or on its own motion, the Commission shall provide notice and an opportunity for a hearing to each Operator in the county. In any such hearing, all Operators in the county shall be parties of record.

SECTION FOURTEEN

Prohibition on Construction or Installation in Conflict with the Plan
[See Subsection (3)(g)(v) of the Rule]

Except in accordance with any safety-based boundaries established under this Plan, the construction or installation of any natural gas distribution system facilities in Meriwether County, Georgia, is prohibited unless the Plan is first amended, approved, and a Final Order is issued by the Commission.

ATTACHMENT B

Gas System Operator	County Responsible Point of Contact
Atlanta Gas Light Company	Atlanta Gas Light Company Walt Farrell President, Atlanta Gas Light Company 10 Peachtree Place Atlanta, Georgia 30309
City of Grantville	Honorable Richard Proctor, Mayor City of Grantville PO Box 160 Grantville, Georgia 30220
Liberty Utilities	Carolyn Bermudez, President 2300 Victory Dr. Columbus, Georgia 31901-3455

ATTACHMENT B-1

Public Officials & Emergency Responders

** If applicable, each Operator party to this Plan has railroad emergency contact information for the county available.

NAME OF COUNTY: MERIWETHER EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Law Enforcement	Chuck Smith	Sheriff	17400 Roosevelt Hwy Greenville, Georgia 30222	706-672-4489		706-672-1560	
Fire Department	Danny Stephens	Chief	59 Hill Haven Rd. Greenville, GA 30222	706-672-1211			d.stephens@ meriwethercountyga.gov
Emergency Management	Brin Jones	EMA Director	619 County Farm Road Greenville, GA 30222	706-672-6601			b.jones@ meriwethercountyga.gov

NAME OF CITY: MANCHESTER EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department	Gray Couch	Police Chief	120 W 2nd Street Manchester, GA 31816	706-846-9679		706-846-9483	policechief@ manchester-ga.gov
Fire Department	Ben Williams	Fire Chief	P.O. Box 366 Manchester, GA 31816	706-846-2134		706-846-8622	firechief@ Manchester-ga.gov

NAME OF CITY: GAY EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department			See County				
Fire Department			Volunteer - 911				

NAME OF CITY: GRANTVILLE EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department	Steve Whitlock	Chief	123 LaGrange St. Grantville, 30220	770-583-2266			
Fire Department			Volunteer - 911				

NAME OF CITY: GREENVILLE EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department	Wayne Frazier	Chief	202 S Depot St Greenville, 30222	(706) 672-4211			
Fire Department			Volunteer - 911				

NAME OF CITY: LONE OAK EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department			See County				
Fire Department			Volunteer - 911				

NAME OF CITY: LUTHERSVILLE EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department			See County				
Fire Department			Volunteer - 911				

NAME OF CITY: WARM SPRINGS EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department	Aisha Al-Khalifa	Chief	3655 White House Pkwy Warm Springs, 31830	(706) 655-9096			
Fire Department			Volunteer - 911				

NAME OF CITY: WOODBURY EMERGENCY DIAL 911							
DEPARTMENT	CONTACT	TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	CELL	FAX	EMAIL
Police Department	Destiny Tucker	Chief	18053 Main Street Woodbury, 30293	(706) 553-2211			
Fire Department			Volunteer - 911				

ATTACHMENT B-2

AGLC – LOCAL POINTS OF CONTACT FOR EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCY: CUSTOMERS/GENERAL PUBLIC DIAL 1-877-427-4321

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS DIAL 1-800-289-8151

LOCAL OFFICE	CONTACT/TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES
Griffin	Chris Graham Regional Operations Director	5472 New Forsyth Rd. Macon, 31210	Cell: 404-720-4097	Liaison, Emergency Response
Griffin	Ron Hollaway Operations Supervisor	314 W. College Station Griffin, GA 30224	Office: 770-229-7071 Cell: 404-427-5102	Liaison, Emergency Response
Griffin	Jake Parent-Lew Operations Foreman	314 W. College Station Griffin, GA 30224	Cell: 478-297-5589	Liaison, Emergency Response

ATTACHMENT B-3

CITY OF GRANTVILLE – LOCAL POINTS OF CONTACT FOR EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Office	CONTACT/TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES
Grantville	Assistant Director of Public Works & Utilities	123 LaGrange St. Grantville, GA 30220	770-583-2289	Liaison, Emergency Response
Grantville	Natural Gas Operator	123 LaGrange St. Grantville, GA 30220	706-977-7081	Liaison, Emergency Response

ATTACHMENT B-4

LIBERTY UTILITIES – LOCAL POINTS OF CONTACT FOR EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCY DIAL 1-855-216-6305

Office	CONTACT/TITLE	ADDRESS	ALTERNATE PHONE	ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES
Columbus	Bobbie Avery Director Operations	2300 Victory Drive Columbus, GA. 31901-3455	Mobile: (706) 570-0324 Office: (706) 478-1810	Liaison, Emergency Response
Columbus	Olivia Ward Mgr. Engineering	2300 Victory Drive Columbus, GA. 31901-3455	Mobile: (678) 780-8967 Office: (678) 707-5202	Liaison, Emergency Response
Columbus	Carolyn Bermudez President	2300 Victory Drive Columbus, GA. 31901-3455	Mobile: (706) 478-1811 Office: (706) 478-1811	Liaison, Emergency Response

ATTACHMENT C

Plan Maps

(Three drawings –two small maps identifying current and proposed changes to Boundary 2 between AGL and Liberty Utilities and one overall Meriwether County map identifying revised Boundaries 1 and 2, and new Boundary 3)

ATTACHMENT D

Customer Transfers - None

ATTACHMENT E

Record of Countywide Natural Gas Safety Plan Meeting

Meeting Date: | | **County:** |

Meeting Location:

Invitees:

Representative Name	Organization

Attendees:

Representative Name (print and sign)	Organization

Reason(s) for meeting:

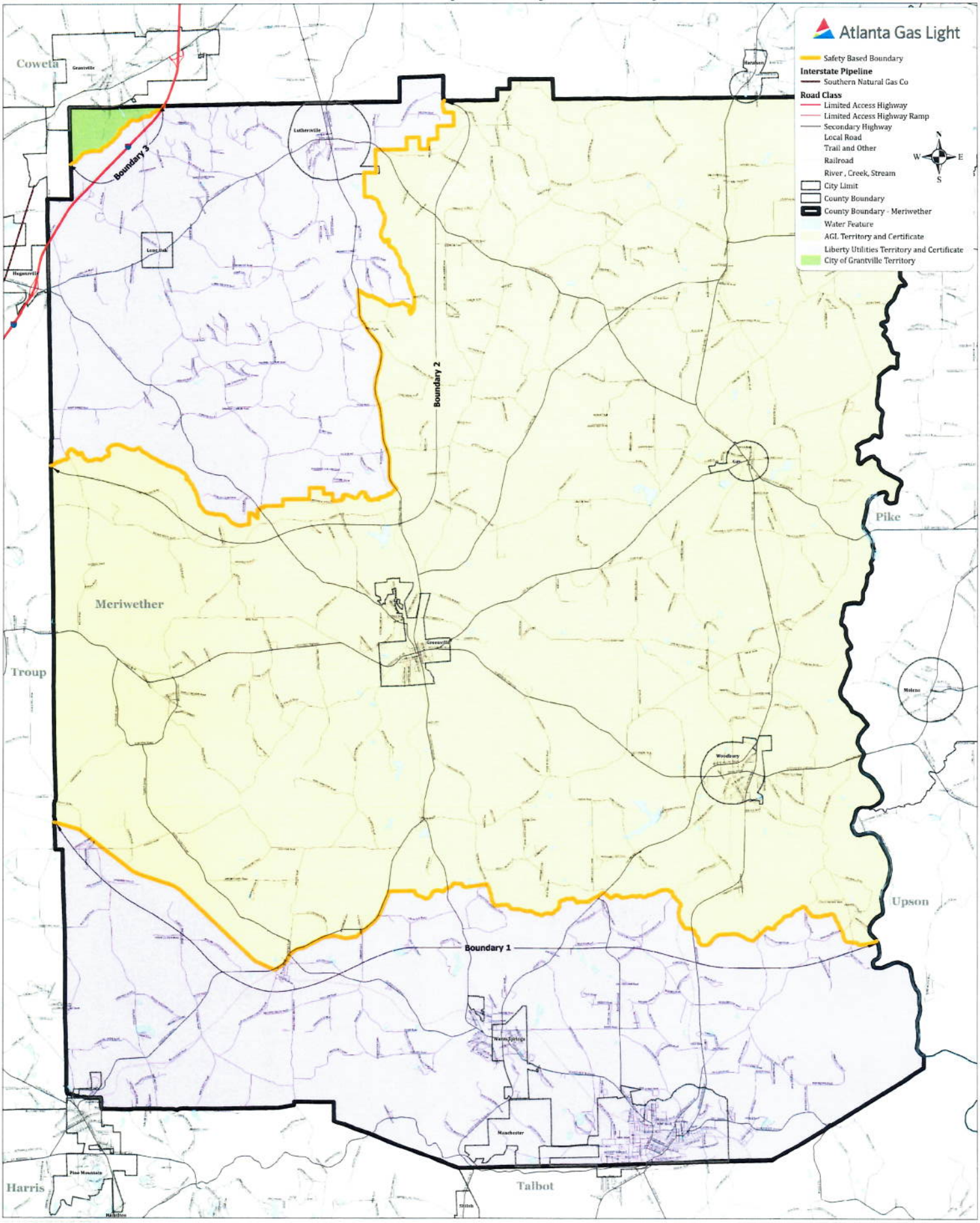
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Records must be retained for the two most recent Countywide Natural Gas Safety Plan meetings between gas operators for this county.

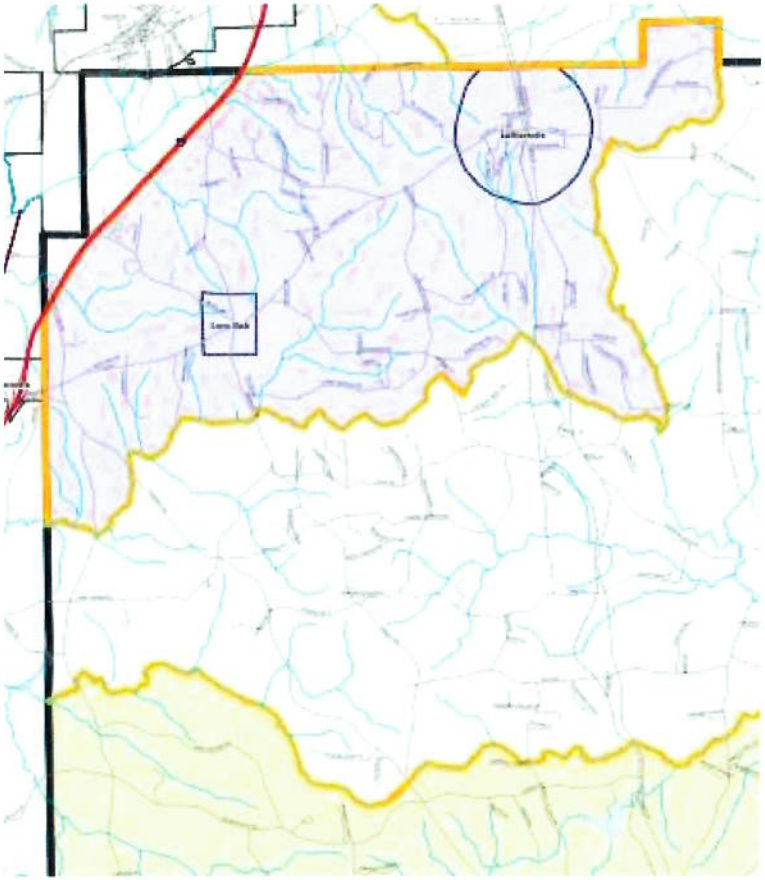
Meriwether County - Countywide Safety Plan

Attachment C



Meriwether County Countywide Safety Plan – Revision to Expand Liberty and the City of Grantville's Territory into Unassigned Territory Comparison

Current Boundary - Approved on June 5, 2018
Lavender – Liberty Utilities Territory
Beige – AGL Territory
White – Unassigned Territory



Proposed Boundary – Revised to eliminate Unassigned Territory.
Lavender – Liberty Utilities Territory
Light Green – City of Grantville
Beige – AGL Territory

