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IN RE: DOCKET NO. 43510 ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FACILITIES EXPANSION PLAN

IN RE: DOCKET NO. 41559: ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY'S ECON-1 TARIFF

FINAL ORDER APPROVING THE DAWSON-LUMPKIN COUUNTY PROJECT

I. Background

On July 27, 2026, Atlanta Gas Light Company ("AGL" or "Company") filed for approval and recovery of the Dawson-Lumpkin County Project "(Project") under the Amended 2026 Universal Service Fund ("Amended 2026 USF Plan") and for ECON-1 Tariff ("ECON-1") recovery. In the AGL petition, the Company stated that the engineering estimate was **$64,667,675**.

II. Atlanta Gas Light Company's Petition – USF Discussion

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).

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) 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

AGL proposed to service multiple poultry farms in Dawson County with the potential for infill, and the Lumpkin Industrial Park, and a portable toilet manufacturer in Lumpkin County. More than 50 poultry houses are located in this area and the facilities installed to serve these farms have the potential to connect additional customers along the proposed route.

In addition, the Staff conducted in depth research of both companies to add more detail in this section. AGL proposes to serve StruXure Outdoor, Inc. ("StruXure") located at 154 Ethan Allen Dr. in the Chastatee Industrial Park on the east of Georgia 400. The company manufactures and sells motorized louvered pergolas and luxury cabanas. StruXure. is expected to add 130 jobs to the local economy, and they plan to use natural gas for space heating and manufacturing processes. Additionally, AGL proposes to serve Satellite Industries, Inc ("Satellite") located at 200 Fannie Russel Rd in a warehousing facility located on west side of Georgia 400 opposite of StruXure. The company manufactures and sells a range of portable toilet equipment. Satellite will use natural gas for space heating, water heating, and manufacturing processes.

To serve the poultry farms, AGL proposes to tie-into existing 8" steel main pipeline on SR 400 south of the intersection of SR 400 and Pine Tree Road in Lumpkin County and install approximately 62,000 feet of 8" steel main pipeline (MAOP 300 psi) along SR 400 and SR 136 to near the intersection of SR 136 and SR 9N. The Company stated that a regulator station is proposed at this location, the discharge of which will tie-into existing 6" steel main pipeline at the intersection of SR 136 and SR 9N. AGL further proposes to tie-into existing 6" MHP steel main pipeline at the intersection of SR 136 and Burt Creek Road and install approximately 55,000 feet of 6" plastic main pipeline (MAOP 60 psi) along SR 136, Keith Evans Road, Juno Road, and SR 342, and approximately 26,400 feet of 4" plastic pipeline (MAOP 60 psi) along SR 342, Old Henry Grady Road, Cleve Wright Road, New Hope Road, and Little Mountain Road to serve these farms.

To serve StruXure and Satellite, AGL proposes that the Chestatee Industrial Park where StruXure is located will be served by a regulator station proposed for installation at the intersection of SR 400 and Burnt Stand Road in Lumpkin County. AGL stated that approximately 2,350 feet of 6" plastic main pipeline (MAOP 60 psi) will be installed northwest along Burnt Stand Road and approximately 1,200 feet of 4" plastic pipeline (MAOP 60 psi) along Fannie Russell Road to reach Satellite and approximately 1,900 feet of 4" plastic pipeline (MAOP 60 psi) will be installed southeast along Burnt Stand Road and Ethan Allen Drive to reach StruXure. The proposed project will install approximately 148,850 feet of new pipeline or 28.2 miles.

B. MFR-2 Capital Budgets

The 2026 capital budget was approved as part of the 2025 – 2034 i-CDP in Docket No. 43820.

C. MFR-3 Stakeholder Process

The stakeholder process was completed prior to the original filing of the 2026 Universal Service Fund Facilities Expansion Plan.

D. MFR-4 Maps

AGL provided maps related to the proposed projects.

E. MFR-5 Basic Economic Development Data

AGL provided the basic economic impact data below.

Dawson/Lumpkin County

Name of Company(s)	**StruXure Manufacturing/Warehouse**
Capital investment by Company(s)	$7,000,000
Jobs created	50+
Annual payroll	Unknown
Known residential or commercial growth	Potential infill along project route in Dawson County for poultry operations.
Other information	See MFR-1.

Name of Company(s)	**Satellite Industries**
Capital investment by Company(s)	$25 million
Jobs created	80+
Annual payroll	N/A
Known residential or commercial growth	Potential infill along project route in Dawson County for poultry operations.
Other information	See MFR-1.

F. MFR-6 Project Financial Analysis

The MFR-6 presentation provided by AGL showed a fully grossed up USF recovery of $75,183,286. The Staff informed AGL prior to their July 27, 2026 filing that the USF and ECON-1 would have a 50% split of the estimated engineering costs totaling $64,667,676, or $32,333,837.50 each. With income tax and finance gross ups, the total USF recovery is $37,591,642.82.

G. MFR-7 Project Technical Analysis

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

III. Staff Analysis – USF Recovery

The Staff reviewed the seven (7) MFRs and found the filing to be whole and complete. For USF recovery, the Project will need to be approved as a multi-year project to stay within the funding constraints of the **$25,000,000** USF restriction. When reviewing the contents of the seven (7) MFRs, the Staff used the information in MFR-1 and the map in MFR-4 to construct a more detailed description of the proposed route for the multiple line-extensions required to serve the customers using Google Maps.

For the recovery of the **$64,667,675** engineering estimate, the USF will be allotted 50% of the engineering estimate, or **$32,333,837.50**, as provided in **Table-1** below. The USF allotment will be grossed up for income taxes and finance costs in the following:

Table-1: USF Recovery

Dawson-Lumpkin County Project	Base Engineering Estimate at 50%	Income Tax Gross Up	Finance Cost Gross Up	Total USF Allotment
USF Allotment	$32,333,837.50	$5,060,892.25	$196,913.07	**$37,591,642.82**

The total USF recovery will be **$37,591,642.82**.

Under the USF statute, O.C.G.A. 46-4-161(b), there is an annual restriction of a **$25,000,000** budget on any new USF approved obligations. As shown in **Table-2**, the Staff proposed that the Project be approved as a multi-year project for 2026 - 2028 due to commitments within the **$25,000,000** restriction.

Table-2: Project Annual Allotment Review

3. USF Dawson County Project	8/4/2026 2026 Balance	Jan-27	Jan-28	Total USF Commitment
$25 million Restriction	$25,000,000.00	$25,000,000.00	$25,000,000.00	
Dawson-Lumpkin County Project Allotment	$12,449,274.67	$12,571,184.07	$12,571,184.07	**$37,591,642.81**
Other 2026 Committed Funding	$12,550,725.33	$0.00	$0.00	
$25 million Remaining Balance	**$0.00**	**$12,428,815.93**	**$12,428,815.93**	

IV. ECON-1 Background

On October 10, 2017, the Commission approved Atlanta Gas Light Company's ("AGL" or "Company") Economic Development Tariff ("ECON-1 Tariff") as part of efficiency changes to AGL's customer growth initiatives. The ECON-1 Tariff, Section 27, was approved for large economic development projects with economic development parameters based on customer class, capital investment, new jobs created, and new gas load. The initial Tariff allowed up to $15 million per year for ECON-1 Tariff projects. On August 28, 2023, the Commission approved changes to the ECON-1 Tariff that increased the annual limit to $25 million per year.

V. Dawson/ Lumpkin County Projects – ECON-1 Discussion

On July 27, 2026, AGL filed a Petition (Docket No. 41559, Document No. 227336) seeking approval of a proposed ECON-1 Project in Dawson and Lumpkin Counties that meet the requirement of AG-1 and G-11 rate classes of AGL's ECON-1 Tariff. AGL is proposing to provide service to 15 poultry farms in Dawson County, a customer in the Lumpkin Industrial Park, and a manufacturer both in Lumpkin County.

The poultry farms in Dawson County are commercial operations, many of which provide stock to large poultry processors. Over 15 poultry houses are located in this area. The poultry farms will be a LP-gas conversion project. The facilities installed to serve these farms have the potential to connect additional customers along the proposed route. The poultry farms' estimated total customer capital investment amount is $100,000. These developments are for customers in the AG-1 rate class, therefore, the requirement of additional jobs to the local community and the anticipated tax base is not applicable. The poultry farm facilities will, on a firm basis, add a total connected load of approximately 100 dekatherms per year.

In Lumpkin County, this proposal will serve StruXure Outdoor, LLC ("StruXure") in the Lumpkin Industrial Park and a storage warehouse located on Burnt Stand Road. StruXure manufactures structures for use in the outdoor living industry. StruXure is an LP-gas conversion project. They plan to use natural gas for space heating and manufacturing processes. StruXure's estimated total customer capital investment amount is $7 million. It is expected that StruXure's facilities will add approximately 50 jobs to the local community. StruXure reasonably anticipates that the tax base for its project will be $160,000. StruXure's facilities will, on a firm basis, add a total connected load of approximately 7,800 dekatherms per year.

Satellite Industries is also in Lumpkin County and is a portable toilet manufacturer that will use natural gas for space heating, water heating, and manufacturing processes. Satellite Industries is an LP-gas conversion project. Satellite Industries' estimated total customer capital investment amount is $25 million. It is expected that Satellite Industries facilities will add approximately 80 jobs to the local community. Satellite Industries reasonably anticipates that the tax base for its project will be $20,000. The Satellite Industries facilities will, on a firm basis, add a total connected load of approximately 5,000 dekatherms per year.

The proposed route is as follows:

Per the petition, AGL proposes to tie-into existing 8" steel on SR 400 south of the intersection of SR 400 and Pine Tree Road in Lumpkin County and install approximately 62,000 feet of 8" steel (MAOP 300 psi) along SR 400 and SR 136 to near the intersection of SR 136 and SR 9N. The Company stated that a regulator station is proposed at this location, the discharge of which will tie-into existing 6" steel at the intersection of SR 136 and SR 9N. AGL further proposes to tie-into existing 6" MHP steel main at the intersection of SR 136 and Burt Creek Road and install approximately 55,000 feet of 6" plastic (MAOP 60 psi) along SR 136, Keith Evans Road, Juno Road, and SR 342, and approximately 26,400 feet of 4" plastic (MAOP 60 psi) along SR 342, Old Henry Grady Road, Cleve Wright Road, New Hope Road, and Little Mountain Road to serve these farms. AGL proposed that the industrial park and manufacturer will be served by a regulator station proposed for installation at the intersection of SR 400 and Burnt Stand Road in Lumpkin County. AGL additionally stated that approximately 2,350 feet of 6" plastic (MAOP 60 psi) will be installed northwest along Burnt Stand Road and approximately 1,200 feet of 4" plastic (MAOP 60 psi) along Fannie Russell Road to reach the manufacturer and approximately 1,900 feet of 4" plastic (MAOP 60 psi) will be installed southeast along Burnt Stand Road and Ethan Allen Drive to reach StruXure.

The proposed projects will install approximately 148,850 feet of new pipe, or 28.2 miles. AGL is certificated to serve both Dawson and Lumpkin Counties.

VI. Staff's Project Analysis – ECON-1

The Staff reviewed the filing and confirmed that the required Minimum Filing Requirement ("MFR") information was provided as part of Tariff Section 27(3)(c)(i-iv). The information was found to be whole and complete. Please see **Table 3** below:

Table 3: AGL's ECON-1 Tariff Section 27(3)(c)(i-iv)

AGL ECON-1 Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c) ECON-1 Project Minimum Economic Development Benefit Requirements ("MBR")		
	Customer or Project ID	Dawson/Lumpkin County
	Location	Dawsonville
	AGL Certificated to Serve Location?	Yes
	Availability	New Customer
	Anticipated Rate Schedule	AG-1
	Organization Requesting Service	Poultry Farmers
	Customer Name	
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(i): MBR-1	Estimated Total Customer Capital Investment	$ 100,000
	Customer Capital Investment Purposes	
	Land	
	Plant	
	Equipment	$ 100,000
	Vehicles	
	Other (Explain)	
	Estimated Meters Addition	15
	Estimated Billing Units Addition	15
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(ii): MBR-2	Estimated Job Additions	
Tariff Sheet 27(3(c)(iii): MBR-3	Estimated Local Tax Base Uplift	
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(iv): MBR-4	Estimated Firm Gas Load/Year (Dth)	100
	Governmental Entity Involved?	Local Development Authority

AGL ECON-1 Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c) ECON-1 Project Minimum Economic Development Benefit Requirements ("MBR")	Customer or Project ID	Dawson/Lumpkin County
	Location	Dahlonega
	AGL Certificated to Serve Location?	Yes
	Availability	New Customer
	Anticipated Rate Schedule	G-11
	Organization Requesting Service	Struxure
	Customer Name	Struxure
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(i): MBR-1	Estimated Total Customer Capital Investment	$ 7,000,000
	Customer Capital Investment Purposes	
	Land	
	Plant	
	Equipment	
	Vehicles	
	Other (Explain)	
	Estimated Meters Addition	1
	Estimated Billing Units Addition	1
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(ii): MBR-2	Estimated Job Additions	50
Tariff Sheet 27(3(c)(iii): MBR-3	Estimated Local Tax Base Uplift	$160,000
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(iv): MBR-4	Estimated Firm Gas Load/Year (Dth)	7,800
	Governmental Entity Involved?	Local Development Authority

AGL ECON-1 Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c) ECON-1 Project Minimum Economic Development Benefit Requirements ("MBR")	Customer or Project ID	Dawson/Lumpkin County
	Location	Dahlonega
	AGL Certificated to Serve Location?	Yes
	Availability	New Customer
	Anticipated Rate Schedule	G-11
	Organization Requesting Service	Satellite Industries
	Customer Name	Satellite Industries
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(i): MBR-1	Estimated Total Customer Capital Investment	$ 25,000,000
	Customer Capital Investment Purposes	
	Land	
	Plant	
	Equipment	
	Vehicles	
	Other (Explain)	
	Estimated Meters Addition	1
	Estimated Billing Units Addition	1
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(ii): MBR-2	Estimated Job Additions	80
Tariff Sheet 27(3(c)(iii): MBR-3	Estimated Local Tax Base Uplift	$20,000
Tariff Sheet 27(3)(c)(iv): MBR-4	Estimated Firm Gas Load/Year (Dth)	5,000
	Governmental Entity Involved?	Local Development Authority

In Tariff Section 27(4)(a-d), AGL was required to provide a technical description of the project, a statement affirming that the project meets the ECON-1 Tariff requirements, detailed engineering cost estimates, and a map of the project area. AGL provided this information. Please see **Table 4** below:

Table 4: AGL's ECON-1 Tariff Section 27(4)(a – d)

4. Qualification

The Company shall include the following information with any ECON-1 project proposal:

(a) A detailed description of the project to include the county name, size and type of pipe, estimated cost, estimated number of jobs created, and estimated dekatherms of new gas load added.

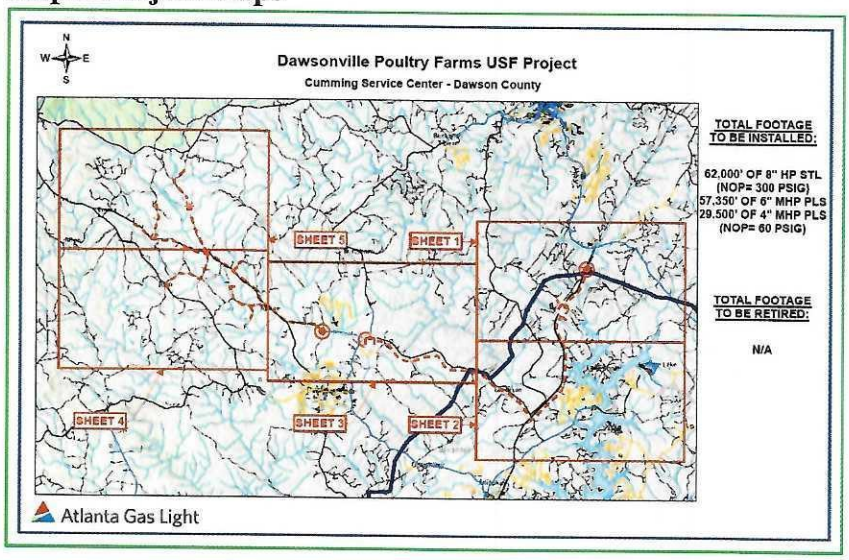
(b) An affirmative statement by the Company that the project complies with the ECON-1 tariff requirements and an identification of the applicable ECON-1 Tariff Section 3(A), 3(B), 3(C), or 3(D);

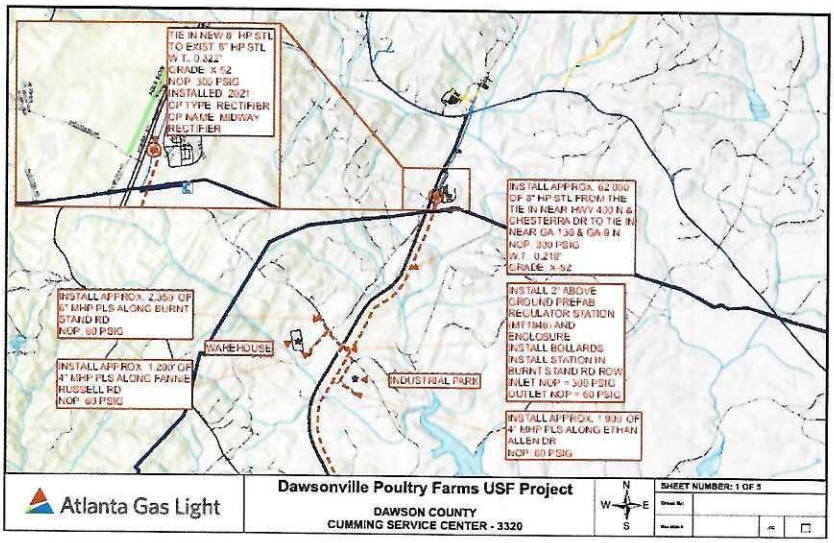
(c) A detailed estimated cost of the project in Excel; and

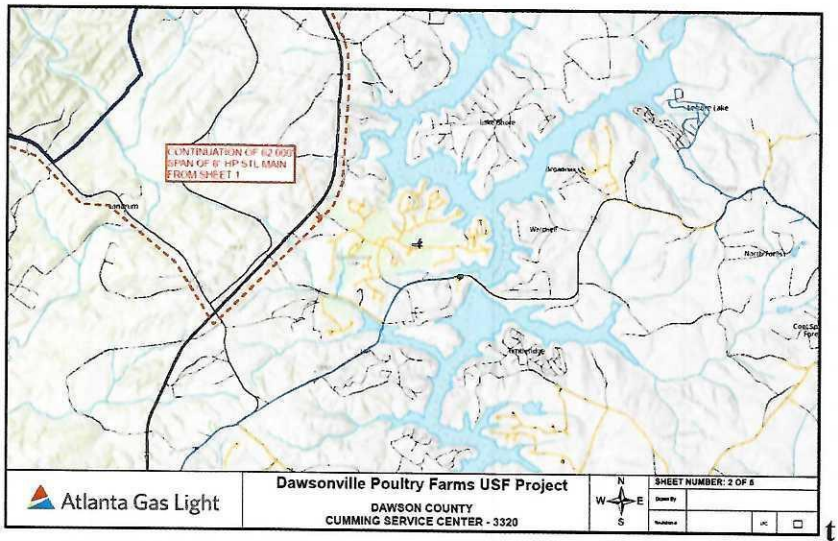
(d) A map of the proposed project.

The maps associated with the projects can be seen below.

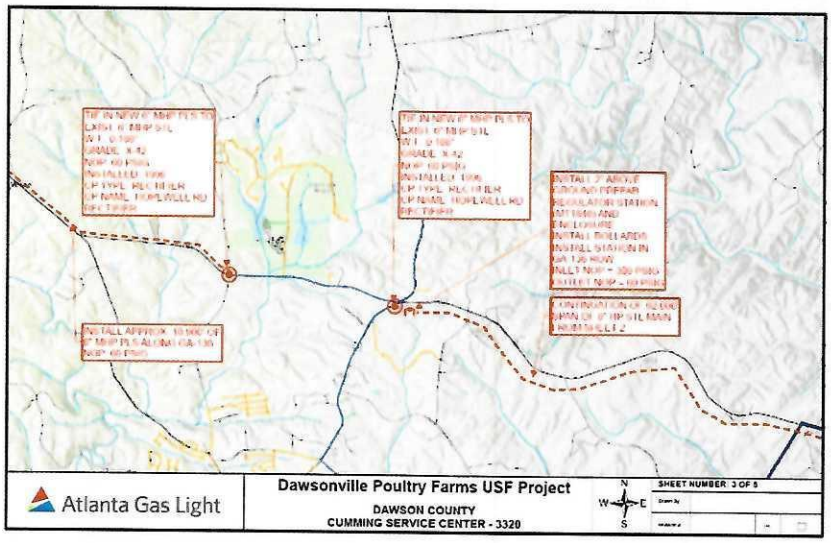
Map 1 Project Maps

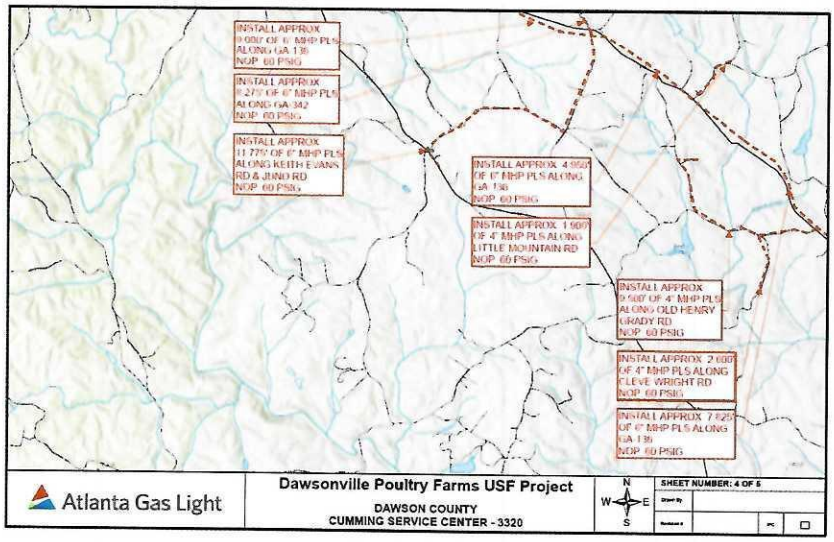





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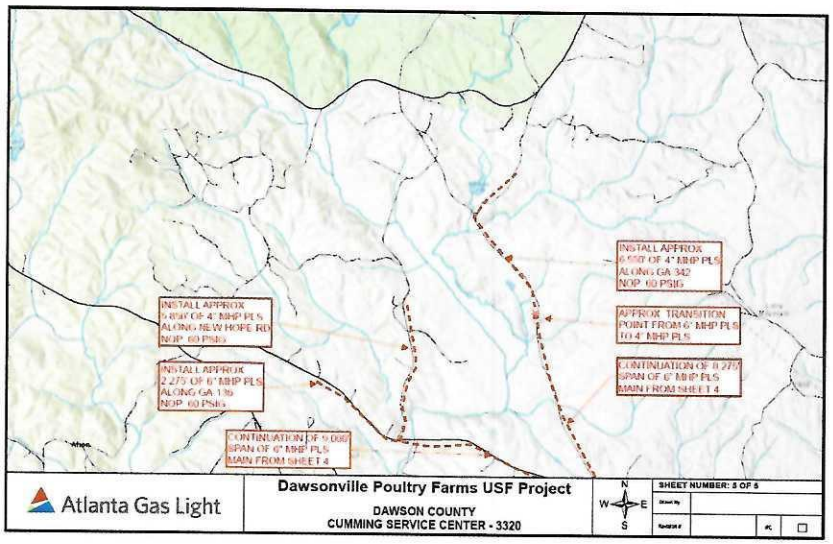


Table-5 below provides the business information available at the Georgia Secretary of State's office regarding the business type, business status, and other information of the developers.

Table 5: Georgia Secretary of State Information

StruXure Outdoor, LLC:

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: **StruXure Outdoor, LLC**	Control Number: **09027969**
Business Type: **Domestic Limited Liability Company**	Business Status: **Active/Compliance**
NAICS Code: **Any legal purpose**	NAICS Sub Code:
Principal Office Address: **154 Ethan Allen Drive, Dahlonega, GA, 30533, USA**	Date of Formation / Registration Date: **4/1/2009**
State of Formation: **Georgia**	Last Annual Registration Year: **2026**

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name: **Corporation Service Company**	
Physical Address: **2 Sun Court, Suite 400, Peachtree Corners, GA, 30092, USA**	
County: **Gwinnett**	

Satellite Industries, Inc.

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Name: **Satellite Industries, Inc.**	Control Number: **18075137**
Business Type: **Foreign Profit Corporation**	Business Status: **Active/Compliance**
NAICS Code: **Any legal purpose**	NAICS Sub Code:
Principal Office Address: **200 Fannie Russell Road, Dawsonville, GA, 30534-3053, USA**	Date of Formation / Registration Date: **5/15/2018**
Jurisdiction: **Minnesota**	Last Annual Registration Year: **2026**

REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION

Registered Agent Name: **Lisa Jackson**	
Physical Address: **200 Fannie Russell Road, Dawsonville, GA, 30534, USA**	
County: **Lumpkin**	

Per the petition, AGL estimates that this entire project can be completed at an estimated total cost **$64,667,675**. AGL is petitioning for the cost to be split evenly between the USF and the ECON-1 Tariff. The ECON-1 rider portion of the cost is **$32,333,837.50**. To accommodate the

ECON-1 rider portion of the cost, the cost must be allocated over two years – 2026 and 2027, because the annual cap is **$25,000,000**, see **Table-6** below. The balance in the 2026 ECON-1 Rider allocation is **$18,591,760**, the entirety of which can be applied to the project. The remaining **$13,742,077.50** will be applied toward the 2027 ECON-1 Rider. Since the annual cap is **$25,000,000**, the remaining 2027 ECON-1 rider allocation will have **$11,257,922.50** available for future projects.

Table 6: 2026 and 2027 ECON-1 Tariff Available Funds

2026: ECON-1 Tariff	Date Approved	Estimated Cost	Remaining Funds for 2026
Glynn County - Brunswick	December 16 2025	$ 6,408,240.00	$ 18,591,760.00
Dawson Lumpkin		$ 32,333,837.50	$ (13,742,077.50)

$18,591,760.00 applied to 2026

2027: ECON-1 Tariff	Date Approved	Estimated Cost	Remaining Funds for 2027
Dawson Lumpkin		$ 13,742,077.50	$ 11,257,922.50

$11,257,922.50 remaining for 2027

VII. Commission Decision

During the September 1, 2026 Administrative Session, the Commission approved the Dawson-Lumpkin County Project for recovery under the Amended 2026 USF Plan and under the ECON-1 Tariff with an engineering estimate totaling **$64,337,676**. The Project was approved with a 50% recovery of the engineering estimate from the USF and 50% recovery from ECON-1, or **$32,333,837.50** from each. The Project was approved as a multi-year project in both USF and ECON-1. The total USF recovery was approved at **$37,591,642.81** that included income taxes and finance costs. The Project's USF recovery was approved with a 2026 allotment of **$12,449,274.67**, a 2027 allotment of **$12,571,184.07**, and a 2028 allotment of **$12,571,184.07,** keeping each annual total below the yearly $25,000,000 restriction. The Project's ECON-1 recovery was approved with a 2026 allotment of **$18,581,760** and a 2027 allotment of **$13,742,077.50** keeping it below the $25,000,000 annual limit. Through AGL's engineering review process if the Project has a 10% change in the Cost to Serve engineering estimate of **$64,667,675** found in MFR-6, or a change in the Project Technical Analysis found in MFR-7, or change in the proposed route provided MFR-1 written description and MFR-4 maps, AGL will file a report with the Commission providing details why the changes took place.

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VIII. Ordering Paragraphs

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that the Commission approves the Dawson-Lumpkin County Project with a total engineering estimate of $64,337,676.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission approves that 50% of the Project's engineering estimate shall be recovered through the USF and 50% recovered through ECON-1, or $32,333,837.50 from each.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission approves that the Project was approved as a multi-year project in both the USF and ECON-1.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission approves that the USF portion of the Project's engineering estimate shall be grossed up for income taxes and finance costs for a total recovery of $37,591,642.81.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission approves that the Project's USF recovery with a 2026 allotment of $12,449,274.67, a 2027 allotment of $12,571,184.07, and a 2028 allotment of $12,571,184.07 keeping each annual total below the yearly $25,00,000 restriction.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission approves that the Project's ECON-1 recovery with a 2026 allotment of $18,581,760 and a 2027 allotment of $13,742,077.50 keeping it below the $25,000,000 annual limit.

ORDERED FURTHER, that the Commission approves that through AGL's engineering review process if the Project has a 10% change in the Cost to Serve engineering estimate of **$64,667,675** found in MFR-6, or a change in the Project Technical Analysis found in MFR-7, or change in the proposed route provided MFR-1 written description and MFR-4 maps, AGL will file a report with the Commission providing details why the changes took place.

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 1st day of September 2026.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

9-4-11
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

9-4-11
Date

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Atlanta Gas Light Company
Docket Nos. 43510 and 41559

STATEMENT OF DISSENT OF COMMISSIONER DR. ALICIA M. JOHNSON

I respectfully dissent from the Commission's decision in Docket Nos. 43510 and 41559.

The Commission has an obligation to ensure that investments ultimately supported by Georgia ratepayers are not only operationally justified, but also economically prudent over the useful life of the assets being authorized. In my judgment, the record does not provide sufficient assurance that the proposed investment appropriately balances the potential benefits of infrastructure expansion against the upfront costs and the long-term financial risks borne by customers.

Economic development is important, but it cannot come at the expense of sound regulatory judgment or long-term protection of Georgia ratepayers. The ECON-1 and Universal Service Fund mechanisms were designed to support responsible system expansion in the public interest, not to socialize infrastructure risk when the long-term economics remain uncertain. These programs ultimately place infrastructure costs into mechanisms supported by customers, making rigorous scrutiny of necessity, utilization, cost, anticipated revenue, and financial risk essential.

My principal concern is the potential for stranded or underutilized assets. Natural gas infrastructure represents a significant, long-lived capital investment. When infrastructure is constructed based upon projected increases in demand, the Commission must carefully consider what happens if that demand does not materialize, does not persist, or changes materially over the life of the investment.

The economic-development benefits associated with new load cannot be evaluated independently from the financial risk created by the infrastructure necessary to serve that load. Where demand

is driven substantially by particular customers, projects, or anticipated economic development, the Commission should require sufficient contractual, financial, and other protections to ensure that existing customers are not left responsible for infrastructure costs if those projections prove inaccurate. This did not happen with AGL.

Economic development does not eliminate the requirement for economic prudence. My concern is straightforward: we should not authorize significant, long-lived natural gas infrastructure without sufficient assurance that the demand supporting that investment will persist long enough to justify its cost. While the economic growth and sustainability of local industry such as poultry farms is a worthwhile investment, the ultimate economic prudency of both the upfront costs and the long-lasting economic risk outweighs the value. In fact, it should demand that we look for alternative solutions and work with the poultry farmers association to deliver alternative analysis with the support of those large industrial users. Infrastructure decisions made today can remain on the system, and in the rate base or customer-funded mechanisms, for decades. If projected demand fails to materialize, declines, or shifts because of changing technology, energy markets, or customer decisions, Georgia consumers could be left supporting ***underutilized or stranded assets long after the economic-development promise that justified them has disappeared.***

Before approving investments of this magnitude, I believe the Commission should have greater certainty regarding long-term utilization, cost recovery, customer commitments, and the allocation of risk if anticipated demand fails to materialize. The party creating the incremental demand, and therefore driving the need for incremental infrastructure, should bear an appropriate share of the financial risk associated with that investment.

Georgia is entering a period of significant infrastructure expansion. The decisions we make today will have financial consequences for ratepayers for decades. Our regulatory responsibility therefore requires us to consider not simply whether infrastructure can be built, but whether it should be built, whether the investment is economically justified, and who bears the risk if the assumptions underlying that investment prove wrong. The Commission itself has previously recognized this risk. In approving a large AGL expansion for a single customer, it required a signed customer contract before construction specifically to establish financial responsibility if that customer backed out. That principle should guide us here: ***those creating the demand should bear the risk associated with that demand, not captive ratepayers.***

Economic growth and fiscal discipline are not competing objectives. Responsible regulation requires both. Until I am satisfied that the long-term demand, financial commitments, and risk protections are sufficient to prevent Georgia consumers from inheriting the cost of stranded infrastructure, I cannot conclude that this investment meets the standard of economic prudence.

I do not believe the record before the Commission provides sufficient protection against the possibility that Georgia ratepayers could ultimately bear the costs of underutilized or stranded infrastructure. Accordingly, I cannot find that the proposed investment demonstrates the level of long-term economic prudence necessary to warrant my support.

For these reasons, I respectfully dissent.

Respectfully submitted this fourth day of September 2026.

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