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Georgia PSC Approves AGLC's USF Facilities Expansion Plan for 2012 and 2013 and Five More Line-Extension Projects

ATLANTA, March 19, 2013—Today, the Georgia Public Service Commission unanimously approved Atlanta Gas Light Company's (AGLC) Universal Service Fund (USF) Facilities Expansion Plan for 2012 and 2013.

On November 1, 2012, AGLC filed its 2012 - 2013 Facilities Expansion Plan. By law USF funding for AGLC expansion projects is capped at five percent of the company's annual capital budget. The 2012 disbursements are capped at \$16.6 million and 2013 disbursements at \$11.4 million. By approving this two-year plan, the Commission combined the allowable amounts for AGLC's 2012 and 2013 fiscal years for up to \$28 million in line-extension projects.

After approving the two-year expansion plan, the PSC unanimously adopted \$16,339,124 in line-extension projects expected to benefit economic development and enhance the agricultural industry. Commissioner McDonald made a motion for four projects and Commissioner Echols asked that a fifth project, one serving a small poultry corridor with multiple poultry farms, be added. At the request of Commissioner Everett a sixth project had been approved in January 2013 to bring 75 jobs to South Georgia and open up areas for industrial expansion. The six projects are:

1. South Murray County Leg One for \$5,157,129.
2. North Murray County Leg Two for \$2,909,105.
3. Banks County Poultry Line Project for \$7,644,452.
4. Schley County Poultry Line for \$428,438.
5. Madison County Poultry Corridor for \$200,000.
6. Dodge-Eastman Project for \$1,019,525.

Of the \$28 million maximum allowed, \$17,358,649 in projects have been approved so far by the PSC for the 2012 – 2013 Plan.

"Building more natural gas pipelines around the state to take advantage of cheap natural gas will be good for business," said Commissioner Tim Echols. "America has a competitive advantage because of these low gas prices, and we need to make the most of it while we can."

For more information about AGLC's 2012 - 2013 Plan and specific line extension projects in Docket Nos. 34451 and 36246, go to the PSC website at www.psc.state.ga.us.

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