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PSC Approves Aid for Liberty County Economic Development

Atlanta, April 5, 2005 -- The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today unanimously approved the disbursement of \$328,459 from the Universal Service Fund (USF) to Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) to construct more than four miles of 4-inch high pressure steel natural gas line to serve a major economic development project in Liberty County.

The project will provide natural gas service to a Target Distribution Center that will create up to 800 jobs by the end of 2007. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of this year with an estimated completion date of the first quarter of 2007.

Commissioner Doug Everett, who moved to approve the project, said, "This is a classic case why the USF was created. This area is growing rapidly." Commissioner David Burgess added, "This Commission can make a difference for the people of Liberty County."

On a motion by Commissioner Stan Wise, the Commission attached three conditions to the USF disbursement:

1. AGLC will require Liberty County to obtain an affidavit from Target that they are committed to natural gas.
2. AGLC will file yearly reports for the next three years detailing the number and types of jobs actually filled during each year.
3. AGLC will track new customer tie-ins to the line in order to allow refunds to the USF.

For more information, use the Docket Search function on the Commission website, www.psc.state.ga.us, and enter Docket Number 11588.

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