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PSC Approves Consent Agreements Calling for Payments of \$30,000 Stemming from Cobb County Natural Gas Pipeline Leak in April 2008

ATLANTA, June 5, 2008 –Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) and Utility locator company STS, Inc. have paid a total of \$30,000 to resolve issues stemming from the April 8, 2008 natural gas leak in Marietta, Georgia. The Georgia Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved the two consent agreements, one between the Commission and STS, Inc. and one between the Commission and Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) as a final resolution of all issues stemming from the incident at Sandy Plains Road and West Oak Parkway in Marietta.

Under terms of the agreement, STS, Inc. paid a fine of \$10,000 to the Commission. STS, Inc. is the contractor hired by AGLC to locate the underground facilities in the incident. AGLC has paid \$20,000 to the Utilities Protection Center Educational Fund in lieu of paying a fine directly to the Commission.

The Commission's investigation revealed that STS and AGLC failed to properly locate the natural gas pipeline facilities at the intersection of Sandy Plains Road and West Oak Parkway in Marietta. The excavator struck a six-inch high pressure natural gas steel pipeline located in the middle of Sandy Plains Road. The ensuing leak caused the evacuation of nearby schools and businesses and shut down traffic in the affected area for more than twelve hours.

More information on this incident is posted on the Commission web site, www.psc.state.ga.us under Docket Numbers 27533 and 27534.

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