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Dear Neighbor:

We are pleased to share that Atlanta Gas Light is investing in the natural gas delivery system serving parts of the northeast metro area through a pressure improvement project. Improving the pressure in your community means you can be assured of having access to clean, safe, reliable, affordable natural gas when you need it the most. We wanted to let you know what to expect as we update our system to better meet your needs.

In your area, the McGinnis Ferry Improvement Project involves the installation of approximately three miles of 12" distribution pipeline. The new pipeline will be connected to our existing system on each end. The project path begins on McGinnis Ferry Road just east of Old Atlanta Road. It continues eastward on McGinnis Ferry Road and ends at the intersection of Scales Road. The pipeline will primarily be installed within road right-of-way. Construction is expected to begin in early Fall 2022.

Our independent contractor Diversified Utility Services, LLC, will begin by clearing the easement (where needed) before installing the pipeline. Diversified Utility Services, LLC representatives, as well as Atlanta Gas Light professionals, will be on-site throughout the construction process should affected property owners have any questions during construction. Work will be performed Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or as permitted.

Project construction will consist of both the open cut pipe installation method and a technique called directional drilling or boring. Underground directional drilling or boring avoids the need for open trenches across roads and other areas. Construction is expected to move west to east and there may be active construction at different areas of the project at the same time.

Steps will be taken to minimize traffic disruptions. In some locations, we may need to temporarily close a road or lane during construction. Any temporary road or lane closures will be coordinated through the appropriate jurisdiction, and appropriate traffic control measures will be in place. Atlanta Gas Light will also work with property owners to ensure access during construction to homes and businesses.

We are also notifying local public safety officers of our construction plans. As with all of our construction projects, safety is our top priority. We will make every effort to minimize inconveniences to property owners along the route.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience with this process. If you have any specific questions not addressed in this letter, please contact us at 404-584-3168 or email us at <u>McGinnisFerryImprovement@southernco.com</u>. Information and updates will also be available on the project website <u>www.McGinnisFerryProject.com</u> and Twitter @agl\_projects.

Sincerely,

Atlanta Gas Light



# Frequently Asked Questions about Atlanta Gas Light's McGinnis Ferry Improvement Project

#### Who is Atlanta Gas Light?

In this state's deregulated natural gas market, there are many key players which can be confusing to customers as they engage with Atlanta Gas Light or one of Georgia's 13 certified natural gas Marketers. Atlanta Gas Light and the Marketers work together to provide the world-class natural gas service customers expect and deserve.

In Georgia's natural gas market, Atlanta Gas Light owns, operates and maintains the natural gas infrastructure including pipelines that transport natural gas to homes and businesses throughout the state.

Atlanta Gas Light is also responsible for repairing damaged gas lines, disconnecting and reconnecting service at the request of the Marketer and helping our customers restart service in the unlikely event of an outage.

## Why is Atlanta Gas Light working in my community?

The work in your community is part of our effort to improve our infrastructure. This work will enhance our ability to meet our customers' need for clean, safe, reliable and affordable natural gas when they need it most. Gwinnett, Forsyth and Fulton are three of the metro area counties that will undergo system improvements.

#### Why do you need to upgrade the pipeline system?

The Metropolitan Atlanta area has experienced rapid growth in the past 25 years. Much of that growth has shifted to regions farther removed from Atlanta Gas Light's existing interstate supply points and high-pressure transmission pipeline system. Today's low natural gas prices present an ideal time to invest in system-wide improvements that will help the region and local communities.

Our infrastructure projects have several additional benefits:

- Our investment stimulates the local economy.
  - We are excited that our investment is expected to employ 150-200 construction workers each year—everything from right-of-way contractors and heavy-equipment operators to pipefitters and welders.
  - These workers also put some of their earnings directly back into the local economy through apartment/hotel rentals, restaurant visits, and various purchase at other local businesses and service providers.
  - As the U.S. economy grows, our upgraded infrastructure will be able to provide the additional natural gas needed for continued economic development in your community and across the metro Atlanta area.
- Atlanta Gas Light will continue to provide America's cleanest and domestically abundant fuel to existing and future customers.

#### What does this mean for me?

In your area, pre-construction activities for the McGinnis Ferry Improvement project are complete. The full project includes approximately three miles total of 12-inch distribution pipeline in Gwinnett, Forsyth and Fulton Counties. The new pipeline will be connected to our existing system on each end. The project path begins on McGinnis Ferry Road just east of Old Atlanta Road. It continues eastward on McGinnis Ferry Road and ends at the intersection with Scales Road. The pipeline will primarily be installed within road right-of-way.

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As with all of our improvement projects, safety is our top priority. Great care is taken in all phases of the project from beginning to end. We make every effort to minimize inconveniences to property owners along the route.

### Will my gas service be interrupted during construction?

No, existing natural gas service to homes and businesses will not be interrupted.

#### What should I expect during construction?

Our independent contractor, Diversified Utility Services, LLC, will begin by clearing our easement (where needed) before the pipeline construction gets underway. The work requires heavy equipment and will employ a large number of workers.

Generally speaking, pipeline construction involves the following steps: 1) surveying the right-of-way; 2) clearing the right-of-way; 3) transporting the pipe to the right-of-way; 4) welding the pipe; 5) digging a trench for the pipe; 6) lowering the pipe into the trench; 7) backfilling the trench; 8) pressure testing the pipe; and 9) restoring the right-of-way to its pre-construction condition.

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Steps will be taken to minimize traffic disruptions. However, in some locations, we may need to temporarily close a road or lane during construction. Any temporary road or lane closures will be coordinated through the appropriate jurisdiction. Appropriate traffic control measures also will be put in place. Atlanta Gas Light will also work with property owners and managers to ensure that parking lots are accessible during construction or that alternate parking is available.

## Why was this route for the McGinnis Ferry Improvement Project selected?

This route allows us to efficiently meet our obligation to provide enough natural gas to serve our customers on the coldest days of the year.

#### If I have questions about the McGinnis Ferry Improvement Project, who do I contact?

Representatives from Diversified Utility Services, LCC and Atlanta Gas Light will be on-site throughout the construction process if you have any questions about our system improvements. You may also contact Atlanta Gas Light directly at 404-584-3168 or <u>McGinnisFerryImprovement@southernco.com</u>. Information and updates will also be available on the project website <u>www.McGinnisFerryProject.com</u> and Twitter @agl\_projects.