

## **Frequently Asked Questions about Atlanta Gas Light's Rome Expansion Project**

### **Who is Atlanta Gas Light?**

Atlanta Gas Light delivers natural gas on behalf of approved gas marketers to residences and businesses in your community. We safely operate and maintain a natural gas pipeline system more than 65,000 miles long that delivers reliable, environmentally friendly natural gas to 1.7 million customers across Georgia. Atlanta Gas Light is the local distribution company of Southern Company Gas.

### **Why do you need to upgrade the pipeline system in my community?**

Northwest Georgia 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're 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 purchases 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 Rome Expansion Project are complete. The project includes approximately 7.8 miles of 12-inch steel pipeline in central Floyd County.

The project path begins at the intersection of Shorter Avenue and Redmond Circle. It continues east along Shorter, turns north on Watson Street, then east along North Elm Street. The route continues north on North Division St, turns east on Charlton Street, then south along Martha Berry Boulevard. The path cuts eastward cross country before turning south down Riverside Parkway to Turner-McCall Boulevard, east on Broad Street, Martin Luther King Boulevard and Kingston Highway to Goodman Road. The new pipe will be tied into our existing system on both ends.

Our contractor, Southeast Connections (SEC), will begin clearing the area (where needed) before installing the pipeline. A SEC representative, 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 during hours permitted by local authorities and the Georgia Department of Transportation.

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?**

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) back-filling the trench; 8) pressure testing the pipe; and 9) restoring the right-of-way to its pre-construction condition.

Project construction will consist of open cut pipe installation, conventional boring and a technique called horizontal directional drilling. Underground directional drilling or boring avoids the need for open trenches across roads and other surfaces.

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.

**If I have questions about the Rome Expansion Project, who do I contact?**

Representatives from SEC and Atlanta Gas Light will be on-site throughout the construction process if you have any questions. You may also contact Atlanta Gas Light directly at 404-584- 3130 or [constructioninformation@southernco.com](mailto:constructioninformation@southernco.com).