



Frequently Asked Questions about Atlanta Gas Light's High Point to Villa Rica Pressure Improvement Project

Who is Atlanta Gas Light?

In this state's deregulated natural gas market there are many key players, which may 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 larger effort to improve our infrastructure. In the western part of the state, it will improve pressure in the system serving your community so you can be assured of having natural gas when you need it the most. It also helps meet our obligation to provide enough natural gas to customers to serve them on the coldest days of the year. Douglas and Carroll Counties are among the counties that will undergo system improvements in 2025.

What is the route for the High Point to Villa Rica Pressure Improvement Project?

The High Point to Villa Rica Pressure Improvement Project involves the installation of 7.1 miles of new 12" pipeline and 0.5 miles of 8" pipeline in northwest Douglas County and northeast Carroll County primarily along road rights-of-way. The route begins off High Point Road (east of Stockmar Road) and continues west along High Point Road to Dallas Highway/Hwy 61 and the Villa Rica Bypass (currently under construction) and then turns south along Industrial Boulevard to the end point just north of the I-20/Carrollton/Villa Rica interchange. The new pipeline will connect to the existing system at each end.

What does this mean for me?

In your area, pre-construction activities for the High Point to Villa Rica Pressure Improvement Project are complete. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-July 2025 and continue through the end of the year. It is expected to occur in several locations of the route at the same time. Restoration may continue through Spring 2026.

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

What should I expect during construction?

Our independent contractor, Southern Pipeline, will begin by delivering materials and equipment to the rights-of-way and also clearing the easement (where needed) before installing the pipeline.

Southern Pipeline will use multiple crews to install the new pipeline within road rights-of-way and will require lane closures for the safety of the community and the crews. They plan to start construction at the traffic circle on Dallas Highway and then have crews move north on Dallas Highway while other crews continue west along the

Villa Rica Bypass moving toward the ends points in each direction. Project construction will consist of both open cut pipe installation and a technique called directional drilling or boring. Underground directional drilling or boring avoids the need for open trenches across roads and other areas. Temporary lane closures will be coordinated through appropriate jurisdictions and traffic control measures will be in place. Atlanta Gas Light will also work with residents and businesses to ensure access during construction.

Installation requires heavy equipment and will employ a large number of workers. In general, 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.

Work will be performed Monday – Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or as permitted. Southern Pipeline representatives, as well as Atlanta Gas Light professionals, will be on-site throughout the construction process should affected property owners or community members have any questions during construction. Additionally, we are coordinating with the City of Villa Rica and Douglas and Carroll Counties to use their existing communication channels to help keep the community informed about the project.

Will my natural gas service be interrupted during construction?

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

Why was this route for the High Point to Villa Rica Pressure 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 High Point to Villa Rica Pressure Improvement Project, who do I contact?

A representative from Southern Pipeline 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 404-584-3183 or VillaRicaPipeline@southernco.com.