

Frequently Asked Questions about Atlanta Gas Light's Cumming to Hall County Pipeline

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 over 55,000 miles long that delivers reliable, environmentally friendly natural gas to more than 1.5 million customers across Georgia.

Why is Atlanta Gas Light working in my community?

The work in your community is part of Atlanta Gas Light's efforts to improve our infrastructure. The work will enhance our ability to meet customers' need for natural gas and our obligation to provide enough to serve them on the coldest days of the year. Forsyth, Dawson, Lumpkin and Hall are among the counties that will undergo system improvements.

Why do you need to upgrade the pipeline system?

Counties in north Georgia are growing at a rapid rate and are 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 region.
- Atlanta Gas Light will continue to provide America's cleanest and domestically abundant fuel to existing and future customers.

Why was this corridor for the Cumming to Hall County Pipeline project selected?

This corridor connects to our existing systems and allows us to efficiently meet our obligation to provide enough natural gas to serve our customers on the coldest days of the year.

The pipeline corridor is approximately 29 miles long and begins around an Atlanta Gas Light regulator station at Spot Road/Highway 9 north of Cumming. It then continues north into Dawson County before turning east into Lumpkin and Hall Counties where it ends in the Thompson Bridge Road area south of Murrayville. A large portion of the pipeline corridor follows an existing Georgia Power easement.

What does this mean for me?

In your area, land agents from Georgia Power will begin collecting survey permissions in late May/early June. We are coordinating with Georgia Power since both companies are subsidiaries of Southern Company. Including team members who are familiar with the area and communities will help us achieve efficiencies during the project planning phase. Additionally, by planning for pipeline installation within the Georgia Power easement, we are minimizing additional land acquisition needs for this project. This design approach benefits many local property owners.

What should I expect in the coming weeks?

You will be contacted by a Georgia Power land agent for survey permission. Once this has been completed, an independent contractor will begin ground surveying activities in July. **All project team members will have Southern Company affiliated identification (Atlanta Gas Light, Georgia Power, etc.)**

Surveying will last several months and may include setting survey markers, surveying road crossings, and locating underground utilities, such as water, sewer and fiber optics. This utility location work typically occurs in or along the road in the public right-of-way. You may notice workers using specialized locating equipment around manhole covers or along the road and passing through an area several times to collect information. In some instances, they may need to dig up a small area of the road or right-of-way to locate a utility. Any excavated roads will be restored according to county standards. This type of work does include the potential for a lane closure. In those cases, appropriate traffic control measures will be in place to help safely guide motorists around the area of work.

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 in each community. We make every effort to minimize inconveniences to property owners along the route.

What is an easement?

An easement, which may also be referred to as right-of-way, is a strip of land on which a property owner grants to another party the right to use the land for a specific purpose – in this case, Atlanta Gas Light’s right to operate, maintain and, if necessary, replace or add a natural gas pipeline. During construction, additional temporary space may be needed to accommodate heavy equipment and materials. After construction has been completed, the easement will be restored to its pre-construction condition.

How does the presence of an easement or right-of-way affect the use of my property?

There are a few property owner restrictions that come with a pipeline right-of-way in order to protect the safety of the pipe. These include prohibitions against erecting structures, doing any kind of excavation, construction and drilling, or planting of trees in the easement.

When will construction begin?

Construction currently is scheduled to begin in 2020. Surveying and other pre-construction activities will determine the specific pipeline alignment and construction schedule for the project. Property owners will be notified before that work begins.

How will I be notified about construction?

Property owners along the project route will receive a letter from Atlanta Gas Light before construction begins. Additionally, Atlanta Gas Light meets with community leaders and groups, public safety officials, and others so that they are well-informed about our project and what to expect during construction.

How can I get more information or ask questions about the Cumming to Hall County Pipeline project?

Land agents and survey contractor representatives will be available during surveying activities to help respond to any questions about the project. You also may contact Atlanta Gas Light directly at **404-584-3186** or by email at cummingtohall@southernco.com.