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Dear Resident/Property Owner:

Atlanta Gas Light is proud to be part of the greater Atlanta community and provide natural gas service on behalf of certified marketers to the thousands of people who call it home. To ensure the continuing safety and reliability of Atlanta Gas Light's pipeline system, older pipes are being replaced with modern, up-to-date plastic and steel pipes.

We recently completed the installation of the new Eastside Pipeline from our Riverdale liquefied natural gas facility in Clayton County to a connection point in our transmission system near the intersection of Buford Highway and Clairmont Road in DeKalb County. The new transmission line, stretching nearly 28 miles, replaces one originally installed in the early 1950s. With the new line in place and ready to go into service, we must now retire the existing pipeline.

Retirement work is expected to get underway in late fall and last through the early part of next year. Even though you may not be directly affected by the work in your community or neighborhood, we wanted to make you aware of the process since the level of activity will vary depending on the location along the existing pipeline.

Retiring the existing line involves multiple steps and the impact in your area will depend on where the original line is located. Here is what you can expect during the process:

- **Cleaning the pipeline** – cleaning locations will require large excavations, temporary above ground equipment, portable tanks, air compressors and other heavy trucks and machinery
- **Testing the pipeline** – testing locations will also require excavation and include some of the same equipment and machinery as cleaning
- **Filling or “grouting” sections of the pipeline** – grouting locations will also require large excavations with several concrete mixers per day driving to each site. In some areas, the sites will be located every 900-1200 feet, primarily in roads and road rights-of-way.

Those living and working in areas near the old pipeline can expect additional noise and traffic impacts during the work if they are in proximity to a specific site used for retirement activities. Any road/lane closures will be coordinated with local permitting agencies and traffic control will be in place. To help reduce the above ground disturbances, our contractors are combining work activities where possible so that only one excavation may be needed at a specific site to complete the multi-step retirement process. **Work is expected to occur during daylight hours as permitted, generally anticipated to be Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

During the retirement process, our independent contractor LAI Engineering may conduct additional surveying along the alignment. If an Atlanta Gas Light easement crosses your property, you may see survey crews on or around your property marking the old line and a buffer area around it with flags and/or temporary paint. Crews will also be surveying along the road in public right-of-way. Latex Construction



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Frequently Asked Questions about Atlanta Gas Light's Eastside Pipeline Retirement

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 area?

Atlanta Gas Light was one of the first gas utilities in the nation to begin a comprehensive pipeline replacement program in 1998. Known as the Pipeline Replacement Program (PRP), the 15-year program ended in 2013. During that time, PRP replaced more than 2,700 miles of older, bare, or unprotected, steel and cast iron natural gas pipeline in Georgia with state-of-the-art plastic and steel pipes to ensure the safety and reliability of Atlanta Gas Light's natural gas pipeline system. PRP has since become a model for other gas companies and is just one of many initiatives undertaken by Atlanta Gas Light during its almost 160-year history as we work to bring you and your neighbors' environmentally friendly natural gas.

What are the benefits of the new Eastside Pipeline?

The Eastside Pipeline replaced nearly 28 miles of pipeline that dates back to the 1950s. By taking the old line out of service and putting in a new coated steel pipeline, Atlanta Gas Light is helping to ensure the continuing safe operation of our system which serves homes and businesses with natural gas. The Eastside Pipeline, along with other PRP and pipeline installation projects, will contribute to the reliability and integrity of the overall system.

Why does the existing pipeline need to be retired?

Since the new line was put in to help ensure the continuing safety of the system, gas needs to be removed or "purged" from the old line to disconnect it from the system. The line will be retired in place since removing the old pipe would create significant above ground disturbances and impacts. As part of the retirement process, the line will be cleaned and tested. In areas where the old line is under a roadway or along road right-of-way, it will be filled with concrete or "grouted."

Does the new Eastside Pipeline follow the same route as the existing pipeline?

The new line runs from our Riverdale liquefied natural gas facility in Clayton County to a connection point in our transmission system near the intersection of Buford Highway and Clairmont Road in DeKalb County. In most areas along the 28-mile pipeline, the new line is in the same easement or right-of-way as the old line. When the new line was being designed, the alignment shifted away from the old line in some places because of space requirements, other utilities, topography, etc. Most of these shifts occurred within the city limits of Forest Park and Decatur.

When will the retirement process get underway?

Retirement work is expected to get underway in late fall and last through the early part of next year (2015). Even though you may not be directly affected by the work in your community or neighborhood, we wanted to make you aware of the process since the level of activity will vary depending on the location along the existing pipeline

What can I expect during the retirement process?

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