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Winder Natural Gas Recognized for Excellence

Kennesaw, GA, May 24, 2010 – The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia recognized the City of Winder’s natural gas system for customer service excellence, marketing excellence and participation in the HEAT program at its Annual Membership Meeting earlier this month. In 2009 the City of Winder engaged in a targeted effort to provide poultry farmers in its service territory access to natural gas service. Access to free-flowing natural gas distribution lines enabled growers to convert from costly propane gas and avoid the inconvenience of monitoring tank levels to ensure propane deliveries to avoid disruption of service. The City of Winder received the Gas Authority’s new “Customer Service Award” in recognition of this initiative; the award will be presented annually to municipally-owned natural gas systems served by the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

The City of Winder was also awarded the “Marketing Excellence Award” for its unique “Let Your Light Shine” marketing program promoting natural gas street lighting to local subdivisions as an affordable and aesthetic safety feature. This award is presented annually by the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

In addition, the Winder was recognized for its unique and creative community programs aimed at promoting Georgia’s Heating Energy Assistance Team (HEAT) program. HEAT assists low-income households meet their energy needs through partnership with concerned citizens, energy companies and state and local agencies. The City of Winder, through the generosity of its customers, raised significant funding for the program and was recognized by the program’s executive director, Janet Joseph during ceremonies at the Gas Authority’s annual meeting.

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The City of Winder's natural gas system was established in 1949, and today serves approximately 5000 customers in Georgia.

The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia is the largest non-profit natural gas joint-action agency in the United States, serving 76 Members in Georgia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Florida that meet the gas needs of approximately 243,000 customers. The Gas Authority was formed in 1987 by an Act of the Georgia General Assembly to assist municipal Members who own and operate natural gas distribution systems.

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