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The City of Winder Honored with the 2013 H.E.A.T. Award

Kennesaw, GA, May 6, 2014 – The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia honored the City of Claxton at its Annual Membership Meeting last week with the 2013 H.E.A.T. Award for Members with more than 5,000 customers. The City of Winder provided contributions equaling \$1.46 per customer. This award is presented annually to municipally-owned natural gas systems served by the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

The 2013 H.E.A.T. Award for Members with up to 1,000 customers was awarded to the City of Claxton for their contributions equaling \$4.47 per customer. The 2013 H.E.A.T. Award for Members with 1,000 - 5,000 customers was awarded to the City of Tifton for their contributions equaling \$1.38 per customer.

By partnering with H.E.A.T, our Member cities offer their utility customers the option of donating through their utility bills. Importantly, H.E.A.T. is **not** an entitlement program, but provides **one-time** emergency assistance to those neighbors legitimately in need. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia is the largest non-profit natural gas joint-action agency in the United States, serving 78 Members in Georgia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Florida that meet the gas needs of approximately 250,000 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.

The Gas Authority provides a broad array of gas supply, marketing and financial services, which deliver significant benefits to its Members. Services include gas supply and storage management, supply and capacity planning, regulatory representation, industrial customer assistance, budget assistance, rate design, budget forecasting, market development, communications, project financing, risk management assistance, regulatory compliance, and training.

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