

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: May 6, 2025

AGENDA TITLE: Authorization for the Mayor to Request Use of County-Owned Parcel for Natural Gas Gate Station Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Mayor to submit a formal request to Escambia County for either an easement or the acquisition of Parcel ID 085N302305000000, currently owned by Escambia County, to support the construction of a new gate station as part of the Town's federally funded Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Project. The Town's request is intended to be presented to the Escambia County Board of Commissioners by County staff at their May 15, 2025 meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Century has received federal grant funding from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) under the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety Modernization Program. This grant supports the development of a new gate station that will replace the Town's outdated infrastructure, which currently receives gas from the Gulf South Pipeline via BP.

The project will connect the Town's gas distribution system to the Peninsula Pipeline, enabling access to Florida Gas Utility's (FGU) aggregated supply network. This connection is expected to result in cost savings, improved operational efficiency, and enhanced safety.

Florida Gas Utility (FGU)—a joint-action municipal agency that has partnered with the Town of Century for several years—is representing the Town in this effort. FGU is assisting with grant administration, project management, and the facilitation of real estate acquisition necessary to execute the project.

The preferred site for the new gate station is a vacant County-owned parcel (Parcel ID 085N302305000000) on N. Century Blvd., which was formerly the site of a residence. The Town's formal request will enable Escambia County staff to place the item on the County Commission agenda for consideration on May 15, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no immediate fiscal impact. Any required funding for acquisition or easement agreements will be presented to the Town Council for approval at a future date.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Summary Email from Florida Gas Utility
2. Parcel Location Map
3. Preliminary Engineering Drawings for Gate Station