

## **Staff Report**

**Subject:** Ratification of approval of the Gas South Agreement for natural gas services for multiple County buildings

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**Department:** Multiple

**Meeting Date:** March 15, 2022

**Item Description:** Ratification of Approval of the Gas South Agreements

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends ratification of approval of the Gas South Agreement for natural gas services for multiple County buildings

### **Executive Summary/Background:**

- Currently Effingham County has agreements with Constellation with a rate of \$0.419 per therm and a DDDC rate of \$8.50. Their proposed new agreements list the new rate at \$0.669 with a DDDC rate of \$8.50 per. According to Constellation, the rate is steadily increasing.
- At the direction of the Board of Commissioners, staff requested quotes from Georgia Natural Gas and Gas South which were discussed at the March 1, 2022 meeting. Due to the difference in the therm rate and DDDC rate, the Board requested to move forward with Gas South.
- Due to the unstable market, Gas South couldn't guarantee the rate would remain until March 15, so the County Manager signed the agreement and we are asking for ratification.
- The County Attorney has reviewed the agreement and approved the agreement to form.

### **Alternatives for Commission to Consider**

1. Ratification of approval of the Gas South Agreement for natural gas services for multiple County buildings
2. Take no action

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2

**Department Review:** Purchasing, County Manager

**Funding Source:** Department Operating Budgets

**Attachments:**

1. Gas South Agreement for Natural Gas Services