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JOHN W. SOMERHALDER II

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

March 18, 2010

To Our Shareholders:

On behalf of the board of directors, I am pleased to invite you to attend AGL Resources' 2010 annual meeting of shareholders to be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at our corporate headquarters at Ten Peachtree Place, Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m., Eastern time. A map with directions is included in the attached proxy statement. **Please note that you will need to present an admission ticket and picture identification in order to attend the meeting in person.** Please see page 5 of the attached proxy statement for more information about attending the meeting in person.

The following items of business will be considered at the annual meeting of shareholders:

the election of three directors;

the adoption of an amendment to our bylaws to eliminate the classification of our board of directors, which conforms to the amendment to our articles of incorporation approved by the shareholders at the 2009 annual meeting of shareholders;

the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm; and

such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

During the meeting, we will discuss our efforts and achievements in 2009. We will also update shareholders on our business plans for 2010. Our directors, officers and other employees will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Your vote is very important to us. Regardless of the number of shares you own, please vote. You may vote by telephone (using the toll-free number on your proxy or vote instruction card), internet (using the address provided on your proxy or vote instruction card), or paper proxy or vote instruction card. Please see page 2 of the attached proxy statement or your enclosed proxy or vote instruction card for more detailed information about the various options for voting your shares.

Thank you for your ongoing ownership and support. We hope to see you at our annual meeting.

Sincerely,

John W. Somerhalder II

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Ten Peachtree Place

Atlanta, Georgia 30309

NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Time and Date:	10:00 a.m., Eastern time, Tuesday, April 27, 2010
Place:	Ten Peachtree Place, Atlanta, Georgia
Items of Business:	<p>Elect three directors to serve until the 2011 annual meeting.</p> <p>Approve an amendment to our bylaws to eliminate the classification of the board of directors, which conforms to the amendment to our articles of incorporation approved by the shareholders at the 2009 annual meeting.</p> <p>Ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2010.</p> <p>Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments.</p>
Who May Vote:	You may vote if you owned shares of our common stock at the close of business on February 16, 2010 (the record date).
Proxy Voting:	<p>Your vote is important. Please vote in one of these ways:</p> <p>use the toll-free telephone number shown on the enclosed proxy or vote instruction card;</p> <p>visit the web site listed on your proxy or vote instruction card; or</p> <p>mark, sign, date and promptly return the enclosed proxy or vote instruction card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.</p>
Proxy Statement:	A copy of our proxy statement for the annual meeting, which contains information that is relevant to the proposals to be voted on at the annual meeting, is attached.
Annual Report:	A copy of our 2009 annual report, which contains financial and other information about our business, is enclosed.
Date of Availability:	We are pleased to take advantage of the new Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow companies to furnish proxy materials to their shareholders over the internet. We believe the new rules will allow us to provide you with the information you need, while lowering the printing and delivery costs to us and reducing the environmental impact of our annual meeting. On or about March 18, 2010, we will mail to certain shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to access our proxy statement and 2009 annual report and how to vote online. All other shareholders will receive the proxy statement and annual report by mail.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Myra C. Bierria

Corporate Secretary

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27, 2010:

A copy of our combined 2009 annual report and Form 10-K for 2009 is being made available with this proxy statement. You may receive a stand-alone copy of our 2009 Form 10-K free of charge upon written request directed to:

AGL Resources Inc. Investor Relations,

Attention: Stephen Cave,

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Vice President, Finance,

P.O. Box 4569, Location 1071,

Atlanta, Georgia 30302-4569.

Our proxy statement and our 2009 annual report and Form 10-K may be accessed at

<https://materials.proxyvote.com/001204>

at our web site at www.aglresources.com.

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PROXY STATEMENT

ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Who is soliciting my proxy?

The board of directors of AGL Resources is providing you these proxy materials in connection with the solicitation of proxies to be voted at our 2010 annual meeting of shareholders and at any postponement or adjournment of the annual meeting. The proxies will be voted in accordance with your instructions by John W. Somerhalder II, our chairman, president and chief executive officer; Paul R. Shlanta, our executive vice president, general counsel and chief ethics and compliance officer; and Andrew W. Evans, our executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer, or any of them. If your shares are held in our Retirement Savings Plus Plan (our 401(k) plan), your proxy will be voted by Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB, which is the trustee for the Retirement Savings Plus Plan, in accordance with the discretionary instructions of the Administrative Committee of the Retirement Savings Plus Plan. It is expected that the Administrative Committee will instruct the trustee to vote the 401(k) shares in accordance with your telephone, internet or written proxy vote, or, if you do not vote, **FOR** each of the three proposals.

Why did I receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (Notice) in the mail instead of a printed set of proxy materials?

Pursuant to the new rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are permitted to furnish our proxy materials over the internet to our shareholders by delivering a Notice in the mail. We are sending the Notice to certain record and beneficial shareholders. These shareholders have the ability to access the proxy materials, including our proxy statement and annual report, at www.proxyvote.com or to request a printed or email set of the proxy materials. Instructions

on how to access the proxy materials over the internet or to receive a printed set may be found in the Notice. Shareholders who receive a printed set of proxy materials will not receive the Notice, but may still access our proxy materials over the internet at www.proxyvote.com.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be Held on April 27, 2010

The proxy statement and annual report are available at www.proxyvote.com

What will I be voting on?

You will be voting on:

Proposal 1 the election of three directors to serve until the 2011 annual meeting;

Proposal 2 the adoption of an amendment to our bylaws to eliminate the classification of the board of directors, which conforms to the amendment to our articles of incorporation approved by the shareholders at the 2009 annual meeting;

Proposal 3 the ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2010; and

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such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments.

How does the board recommend I vote on the proposals?

The board of directors recommends you vote FOR each of the three proposals listed above.

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How do I vote?

Most of our shareholders have three options for submitting their votes:

By telephone,

Via the internet, or

By mail.

If your AGL Resources shares are held in your name on the records maintained by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., our transfer agent (meaning you are a shareholder of record), please follow the instructions on your proxy card.

If your AGL Resources shares are held through a brokerage firm or bank (that is, in street name), your ability to vote by telephone or over the internet depends on the voting process of your brokerage firm or bank. Please follow the directions on your vote instruction card.

Regardless of whether your AGL Resources shares are held by you as a record shareholder or in street name, you may attend the meeting and vote your shares in person. Please note that if your shares are held in street name and you want to vote in person, you must bring evidence of your stock ownership, such as a proxy obtained from your street name nominee (particularly if you want to vote your shares at the annual meeting) or your most recent brokerage account statement (in which case you will not be able to vote your shares at the meeting), together with valid picture identification.

Even if you plan to attend the meeting, we encourage you to vote your shares by telephone, internet or mail to simplify the voting process at the meeting.

How do I vote if my shares are held in the AGL Resources 401(k) plan?

If your AGL Resources shares are held in the Retirement Savings Plus Plan, only the trustee of the plan can vote your plan shares even if

you attend the annual meeting in person. The plan trustee will vote your shares in accordance with your telephone, internet or written proxy vote. Please follow the instructions on your proxy card.

May I revoke my proxy?

Yes. You may revoke your proxy or vote instructions at any time before the annual meeting by voting again by telephone or via the internet or by timely signing and returning another proxy or vote instruction card with a later date. Additionally, if you are a shareholder of record or if you are a street name holder who has obtained a vote instruction card from your street name nominee, and you decide to attend the meeting and vote in person, you may request that any proxy or vote instruction card that you previously submitted not be used.

What if I don't specify my choices when returning my proxy or vote instruction card?

If you return a signed and dated proxy or vote instruction card without indicating your vote, your shares will be voted FOR each of the three proposals specified in the notice of the meeting and in the discretion of the proxies on any other matter that may properly come before the meeting.

If you hold AGL Resources shares through the Retirement Savings Plus Plan and you return the proxy card but do not properly sign or date it or specify how you want your plan shares voted, it is expected that the plan trustee, upon instruction from the Administrative Committee of the Retirement Savings Plus Plan, will vote your plan shares FOR each of the three proposals specified in the notice of the meeting and as instructed by the Administrative Committee on any other proposals that may properly come before the meeting.

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May my shares be voted if I don't submit a proxy or voting instructions?

If your AGL Resources shares are registered in your name on the books kept by our transfer agent and you do not return a signed proxy and do not vote by telephone or via the internet or in person at the meeting, your shares will not be voted.

If your AGL Resources shares are held in street name and you do not submit any voting instructions, your brokerage firm or bank may or may not vote your shares with regard to each of the three proposals, depending on stock exchange rules. If your AGL Resources shares are held through the Retirement Savings Plus Plan and you do not return the proxy card for those plan shares and do not vote by telephone or the internet or in person, it is expected that the plan trustee, upon instruction from the Administrative Committee of the Retirement Savings Plus Plan, will vote your shares FOR each of the three proposals specified in the notice of the meeting and as instructed by the Administrative Committee on any other proposals that may properly come before the meeting.

How many shares may I vote?

As of the February 16, 2010, record date for voting at the annual meeting, 78,009,981 shares of common stock of AGL Resources were outstanding and entitled to be voted at the annual meeting. You are entitled to one vote for each share of AGL Resources common stock you owned on the record date. Shares held by a trust which holds assets for our Nonqualified Savings Plan are included in the number of shares outstanding but are not eligible to be voted.

Is there a list of shareholders entitled to notice of the annual meeting?

A list of shareholders entitled to notice of the annual meeting is available for inspection by any shareholder between the hours of

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern time, at our headquarters at Ten Peachtree Place, Atlanta, Georgia. Please contact our Corporate Secretary at AGL Resources Inc., P.O. Box 4569, Location 1466, Atlanta, Georgia 30302-4569, if you would like to review the shareholder list. The shareholder list will also be available at the annual meeting for inspection by any shareholder.

How many votes must be present to hold the annual meeting?

A majority of the 78,009,981 shares of AGL Resources common stock outstanding on the record date, not including the shares held by the Nonqualified Savings Plan trust which are not eligible to be voted, must be present, either in person or represented by proxy, to conduct the annual meeting.

How many votes are needed to elect directors?

Directors are elected by a plurality of the total number of votes cast, which means the three nominees who receive the largest number of properly cast votes will be elected as directors.

What happens if a director nominee fails to receive a majority of the votes cast in his or her election?

As described in Proposal 1 Election of Directors General, our bylaws provide that if a director nominee in an uncontested election is elected by the required plurality vote of the shareholders but does not receive the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares voted, the director must promptly tender his or her resignation to the board of directors following certification of the shareholder vote. The Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee must then recommend to the board of directors whether to accept or reject the tendered resignation or whether to take

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other action. The board must then act on the tendered resignation and publicly disclose its decision and the rationale behind the decision within 90 days after the certification of the election results.

What if I vote withhold authority to elect directors?

In voting for the election of directors, a vote to withhold authority for the election of one or more director nominees will be counted for quorum purposes, but because the vote required to elect directors is a plurality vote, a vote to withhold authority will not affect the outcome of the election. However, a vote to withhold authority will be counted for purposes of determining whether a director nominee received the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the shares voted. Please see *What happens if a director nominee fails to receive a majority of the votes cast in his or her election?* above.

How many votes are required to adopt the proposed amendment to our bylaws?

The adoption of the amendment to our bylaws to eliminate the classification of the board of directors, which conforms to the amendment to our articles of incorporation approved by the shareholders at the 2009 annual meeting, requires approval by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast.

How many votes are required to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm?

The ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm requires the votes cast FOR to exceed the votes cast AGAINST the proposal.

How will abstentions and broker non-votes be treated?

Abstentions and broker non-votes will be treated as shares present and entitled to vote for quorum purposes. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be treated as votes cast, and consequently they will not affect the outcome of the vote on the election of directors or the determination of whether a director nominee has received the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares voted (Proposal 1) or the proposal to ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 3). However, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes against the proposal to amend our bylaws (Proposal 2).

Broker non-votes occur on a matter up for vote when a broker, bank or other holder of shares you own in street name is not permitted to vote on that particular matter without instructions from you, you do not give such instructions and the broker or other nominee indicates on its proxy card, or otherwise notifies us, that it does not have authority to vote its shares on that matter. Whether a broker has authority to vote its shares on uninstructed matters is determined by stock exchange rules.

Could other matters be decided at the annual meeting?

We do not know of any other matters that will be considered at the annual meeting. If a matter that is not listed on the proxy or vote instruction card is properly brought before the annual meeting in accordance with Section 1.2 of our bylaws, the persons named as proxies will vote in accordance with their judgment of what is in the best interest of the Company, based on the discretionary voting authority conferred on them by the proxy and vote instruction cards.

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Who will count the votes?

Representatives of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. will count the votes and act as inspector of elections.

Where and when will I be able to find the voting results?

We will post the voting results on our web site at www.aglresources.com within four business days after the annual meeting. You also may find the results in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which we expect to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, within four business days following the annual meeting.

What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

It means that you have multiple accounts with brokerage firms, banks and/or our transfer agent. Please vote all of these shares. We recommend that you contact your broker, bank and/or our transfer agent to consolidate as many accounts as possible under the same name and address. All communications concerning accounts for shares registered in your name on the books kept by our transfer agent, including address changes, name changes, inquiries to transfer shares and similar issues, may be handled by making a toll-free call to Wells Fargo Shareowner Services at (800) 468-9716.

What do I need to bring with me if I want to attend the annual meeting?

The annual meeting is open to all holders of our common stock. To attend the annual meeting, you will need to bring an admission ticket and valid picture identification. If your shares are registered in your name on the books kept by our transfer agent or your shares are held as 401(k) plan shares, your admission ticket is part of your proxy card or may be printed from the internet when you vote online. If your shares are held in street

name by your brokerage firm or bank, you will need to bring evidence of your stock ownership, such as a proxy obtained from your street name nominee (particularly if you want to vote your shares at the annual meeting) or your most recent brokerage account statement (in which case you will not be able to vote your shares at the meeting), together with valid picture identification. You may also request us to send you an admission ticket. If you do not have either an admission ticket or proof that you own our common stock, together with valid picture identification, you may not be admitted to the meeting.

What happens if the annual meeting is postponed or adjourned?

Your proxy will still be valid and may be voted at a postponed or adjourned meeting, unless the board of directors fixes a new record date for the postponed or adjourned meeting, which the board is required to do if the postponement or adjournment is for more than 120 days. If the meeting is postponed or adjourned, you will still be able to change or revoke your proxy until it is voted.

When are shareholder proposals for the 2011 annual meeting due?

Our bylaws require shareholders to give us advance notice of any shareholder nominations of directors and of any other matters shareholders wish to present for action at an annual meeting of shareholders. The required notice must be given within a prescribed time frame, which is calculated by reference to the date of the proxy statement relating to our most recent annual meeting.

Accordingly, with respect to our 2011 annual meeting of shareholders, our bylaws require notice to be provided to our Corporate Secretary at AGL Resources Inc., P.O. Box 4569, Location 1466, Atlanta, Georgia 30302-4569 no later than November 18, 2010. If a shareholder fails to provide timely

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notice of a proposal to be presented at the 2011 annual meeting, the persons designated as proxies by the board of directors will have discretionary authority to vote, and the trustee of the Retirement Savings Plus Plan will vote in accordance with the instructions of the Administrative Committee of the Retirement Savings Plus Plan based on its discretionary authority, on any such proposal that may come before the meeting.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for inclusion in our proxy statement for the annual meeting in 2011, you need to follow the procedures outlined in the SEC's Rule 14a-8. To be eligible for inclusion, your shareholder proposal intended for inclusion in the proxy statement for the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders must be received no

later than November 18, 2010, by our Corporate Secretary at the address above.

This deadline does not apply to questions a shareholder may wish to ask at the annual meeting.

Who pays the costs associated with this proxy solicitation?

AGL Resources pays the expenses of soliciting proxies. We may consider the engagement of a proxy solicitation firm to assist in the solicitation of proxies. Additionally, proxies may be solicited on our behalf by directors, officers and employees, in person or by telephone, facsimile or electronic transmission. Directors, officers and employees will not be paid additional fees for those services.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Board of Directors

Our business affairs are managed under the direction of the board of directors in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code, our articles of incorporation and our bylaws. The role of the board of directors is to govern our affairs for the benefit of our shareholders and other constituencies, which include our employees, customers, suppliers, creditors and the communities in which we do business. The board strives to ensure the success and continuity of our business through the appointment of qualified executive management, overseen by the board.

Director Independence

Pursuant to New York Stock Exchange listing standards, our board of directors has adopted a formal set of categorical Standards for Determining Director Independence. In accordance with these Standards, a director must be determined to have no material relationship with the Company other than as a director in order to be considered an independent director. The Standards specify the criteria by which the independence of our directors will be determined, including strict guidelines for directors and their immediate family members with respect to past employment or affiliation with the Company or its independent registered public accounting firm. The Standards also set forth independence criteria applicable to members of the Audit Committee, the Compensation and Management Development Committee and the Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee of the board of directors. These Standards were amended by our board of directors on October 28, 2009 and are available on our website at www.aglresources.com.

In accordance with these Standards, the board undertook in February 2010 an annual review of director independence. Based on this review, the board has affirmatively determined that, as to each current non-employee director (Messrs. Bell, Crisp, Johnson, Knox, Love, McTier, O Hare, Riddle, Rubright, Ward and Wolf and Mmes. Bane and Whyte), no material relationship exists that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director and that each current non-employee director qualifies as independent in accordance with the Standards and the independence standards of the New York Stock Exchange. John W. Somerhalder II, our chairman, president and chief executive officer, is not independent because of his employment by the Company.

Mr. Somerhalder will not participate in any action of the board related to his compensation or any other matters requiring action by only non-employee directors.

In making these independence determinations, the board considered that in the ordinary course of business, transactions may occur between the Company and its subsidiaries and companies at which some of our directors are or have been directors, officers or employees. The board also considered that the Company and its subsidiaries may make charitable contributions to not-for-profit organizations where our directors or their immediate family members serve or are executive officers.

For information about a certain transaction between us and a business entity with which Mr. Bell was formerly associated and the board's determination that Mr. Bell is independent notwithstanding this transaction, see Certain Relationships and Related Transactions. The board of directors concluded that this relationship is not material and has no effect on the independence of Mr. Bell.

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Policy on Related Person Transactions

The board of directors recognizes that related person transactions present a heightened risk of conflicts of interest and, therefore, has adopted a written policy with respect to related person transactions. For the purpose of the policy, a Related Person is (a) each executive officer as defined under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, (b) each executive and senior vice president of AGL Resources, (c) each nominee for or member of the board of directors, (d) each holder of more than 5% of our common stock, or a Significant Shareholder, and (e) any immediate family member, as defined under the Exchange Act, of the persons listed in (a) through (d) above. A Related Person Transaction is a transaction between us and any Related Person, other than (1) transactions available to all employees or customers generally; (2) transactions involving less than \$120,000 when aggregated with all similar transactions; (3) transactions excluded from disclosure in paragraphs four through seven of the instructions to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act; and (4) charitable contributions by the Company to a charitable organization with which a Related Person's only relationship is as an employee (other than an executive officer), if the aggregate amount involved does not exceed the greater of \$1,000,000 or 2% of the charitable organization's annual receipts for the preceding fiscal year.

Under the policy, when management becomes aware of a related person transaction involving a dollar amount that is less than two percent of either the Company's consolidated gross revenues or the consolidated gross revenues of the related person, or any affiliate of such related person, for the prior fiscal year, management reports the transaction to the Chairman of the Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee. When management becomes aware of a related

person transaction involving a dollar amount that is equal to or exceeds two percent of either the Company's consolidated gross revenues or the consolidated gross revenues of the related person, or any affiliate of such related person, for the prior fiscal year, management reports the transaction to the Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee and requests approval or ratification of the transaction.

Transactions requiring approval or ratification must be approved by a majority of the disinterested members of the Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee. The Chairman will report to the full Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee at its next regularly scheduled committee meeting any related person transactions that are presented to him or her. The Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee will report to the full board all related person transactions presented to it.

The related party transaction concerning Mr. Bell referred to in this proxy statement did not require review by the Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee because it existed prior to the board of directors' adoption of the policy.

Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Our Company is led by Mr. John Somerhalder, who has served as our president and chief executive officer since March 2006 and our chairman, president and chief executive officer since October 2007. Our board of directors is comprised of Mr. Somerhalder and thirteen independent directors. Each of the standing committees of our board of directors is chaired by an independent director and each of our Audit, Compensation and Management Development and Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility committees is comprised entirely of independent directors.

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Under our Guidelines on Significant Corporate Governance Issues, or our Corporate Governance Guidelines, a copy of which is available on our web site at www.aglresources.com, if the chairman of the board of directors is an executive officer or employee of the Company, then the board of directors shall appoint, from among the independent directors, a lead director. Mr. Arthur E. Johnson currently serves as our Lead Director.

The board of directors appoints the Lead Director for a term ending on the earlier of (a) three years from the date of appointment or (b) the last day of the individual's service on the board of directors. The Lead Director: (a) serves as chairman of the Executive Committee of the board of directors; (b) presides at the executive sessions of non-management directors; (c) collaborates with our chairman, president and chief executive officer, our general counsel and our corporate secretary on setting the annual calendar for all regular meetings of the board and its standing committees; (d) maintains close contact with the chairperson of each standing committee; (e) oversees the Company's policy on communications between shareholders or other interested parties and non-management directors; and (f) communicates the results of the annual evaluation of the chief executive officer to the chief executive officer on behalf of the board of directors.

Our Audit Committee has the responsibility to review with management the Company's (i) policies governing the process by which risk assessment and risk management are undertaken; and (ii) major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures. Our Finance and Risk Management Committee has the responsibility to (i) review with management the steps taken by management to ensure compliance with the Company's risk

management policies and procedures relating to interest rate risk, currency risk, credit risk, commodity risk, insurable risks and derivatives related to any of the foregoing; (ii) review steps taken by management to establish and monitor trading and risk management systems and controls at the Company's asset management and optimization businesses and to ensure compliance at such businesses with risk management policies and procedures applicable to such businesses; and (iii) review management's assessment of controls and procedures associated with such businesses' management of transactions with affiliates and any reporting obligations to state or federal regulatory authorities. Our chief risk officer provides a quarterly report to the Finance and Risk Management Committee and meets in executive sessions with the Finance and Risk Management Committee at each regularly scheduled meeting. Each of the other committees of the board of directors has principal responsibility for reviewing and discussing with management those risk exposures: (i) specified in their charters or (ii) identified from time to time by the committees themselves or by the Audit Committee.

We determined our current board leadership structure is appropriate and helps ensure proper risk oversight for the Company, for a number of reasons, the most significant of which are the following:

A combined chairman and chief executive officer role allows for more productive meetings. The chief executive officer is the individual selected by the board of directors to manage the Company on a day to day basis, and his direct involvement in the Company's operations makes him best positioned to lead productive board strategic planning sessions and determine the time allocated to each agenda item in discussions of the Company's short- and long-term objectives.

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Our board structure provides strong oversight by independent directors and in addition a majority of our operations are subject to extensive regulation. Our Lead Director's responsibilities include leading executive sessions of the board of directors during which our independent directors meet without management. These executive sessions allow the board of directors to review key decisions and discuss matters in a manner that is independent of the chief executive officer, and where necessary, critical of the chief executive officer and senior management. In addition, each of our board's standing committees (including the Finance and Risk Management Committee) is chaired by an independent director.

Recognizing there may be a circumstance where a shareholder or other interested party's interest should be represented independent of management, a key responsibility of the Lead Director is to receive, review and, where necessary, act upon direct communications from shareholders and other interested parties.

Committees of the Board

The board of directors has established five standing committees to assist it in discharging its duties. Actions taken by any committee of the board are reported to the board, usually at the board meeting next following a committee meeting. Each standing committee has adopted a written charter, which is available on our web site at www.aglresources.com and is available upon request to our Corporate Secretary at AGL Resources Inc., P.O. Box 4569, Location 1466, Atlanta, Georgia 30302-4569. The committees of the board and their members at December 31, 2009 were as shown in the following table.

Members of the Board's Committees

	Audit	Compensation and Management Development	Executive	Finance and Risk Management	Nominating, Governance and Corporate Responsibility
Sandra N. Bane	Ö	Ö			
Thomas D. Bell, Jr.		Ö		Ö	
Charles R. Crisp		Ö		Ö	
Arthur E. Johnson		Ö	Ö**	Ö	
Wyck A. Knox, Jr.	Ö				Ö
Dennis M. Love	Ö		Ö		Ö*
Charles H. McTier	Ö				Ö
Dean R. O Hare	Ö				Ö
D. Raymond Riddle				Ö	Ö
James A. Rubright		Ö	Ö	Ö*	
John W. Somerhalder II			Ö	Ö	
Felker W. Ward, Jr.	Ö				Ö
Bettina M. Whyte		Ö*	Ö	Ö	
Henry C. Wolf	Ö*		Ö		Ö

* Denotes committee chair.

** Denotes Lead Director.

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Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met seven times during 2009. The Audit Committee's primary function is to assist the board of directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities. Among other things, the Audit Committee reviews (1) the integrity of our financial statements, including our internal control over financial reporting, (2) our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (3) the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, (4) the performance of our internal audit function, and (5) the performance of the independent registered public accounting firm. Our chief financial officer, chief ethics and compliance officer, chief auditor, chief accounting officer and controller, and representatives of our independent registered public accounting firm each provide a quarterly report to and meet in separate executive sessions with the Audit Committee each quarter.

The board of directors has determined that all members of the Audit Committee satisfy the enhanced independence standards applicable to all members of the Audit Committee under the independence requirements of the SEC, the New York Stock Exchange and the Company's Standards for Determining Director Independence. The board also has determined that all members of the Audit Committee meet the financial literacy requirements of the New York Stock Exchange listing standards. The board has further determined that Henry C. Wolf, the Audit Committee Chair, is an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of SEC regulations. Information regarding Mr. Wolf's qualification as an audit committee financial expert is included in his biographical information under the caption, Proposal 1 Election of Directors Directors Whose Terms Continue Until the Annual Meeting in 2012.

Additional information regarding the Audit Committee and its functions and responsibilities is included in this proxy

statement under the captions Audit Committee Report and Proposal 3 Ratification of the Appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2010.

Compensation and Management Development Committee

The Compensation and Management Development Committee met seven times during 2009. All members of the Compensation and Management Development Committee are independent, non-employee directors, as defined under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and our Standards for Determining Director Independence. Among other things, the Compensation and Management Development Committee assists the board of directors in its efforts to achieve its goal of maximizing the long-term total return to shareholders by establishing policies by which officers, directors and employees are to be compensated in accordance with the board's compensation philosophy and objectives and by overseeing management succession and executive development processes.

The board of directors delegated to the Compensation and Management Development Committee the following areas of responsibility that are more fully described in the Compensation and Management Development Committee's charter:

Performance evaluation, compensation and development of executive officers;

Succession planning for executive officers;

Compensation of non-employee members of the board of directors;

Establishment of performance objectives under the Company's short- and long-term incentive compensation plans and determination of the attainment of such performance objectives; and

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Oversight of benefit plans.

The Compensation and Management Development Committee has delegated to our chief executive officer the authority to grant equity awards to employees of the Company solely in connection with non-annual grants to employees other than executive officers. The Committee has established narrowly defined, pre-approved parameters regarding the terms and conditions of grants under the delegated authority, including the eligible employee groups, the maximum number of shares subject to the delegation, the determination of the exercise price and other terms and conditions of the awards. The Committee also adopted a stock option grant policy that provides additional terms and conditions for grant making. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Grants of Long-Term Incentive Awards for more detail concerning our stock option grant policy.

Our chief executive officer, based on the performance evaluations of the other executive officers, recommends to the Compensation and Management Development Committee compensation for those executive officers. The executive officers, including our chief executive officer, also provide recommendations to the Committee from time to time related to compensation philosophy, program design, compliance, performance measures and competitive strategy.

The Compensation and Management Development Committee's charter provides that the Committee, in its sole discretion, has the authority to retain a compensation consultant. Accordingly, Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc., or F.W. Cook, was retained directly by the Compensation and Management Development Committee to assist it in 2009. F.W. Cook's role is to provide expertise and data as needed by the Committee pertaining to all aspects of executive and director compensation, including but not limited to advice and counsel as to the amount and form

of executive and director compensation, and to advise the Committee on emerging trends, best practices and regulatory practices.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee did not meet during 2009. The Executive Committee may meet during intervals between board meetings and has all the authority of the board, subject to limitations imposed by law or our bylaws.

Finance and Risk Management Committee

The Finance and Risk Management Committee met four times during 2009. The Finance and Risk Management Committee's primary function is to assist the board of directors in fulfilling its ove