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**APEX GEOSPATIAL ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE  
BALTIMORE GAS AND ELECTRIC (BGE) ATLAS-GAS GIS DATABASE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**Herndon, Virginia, October 21, 2002**— Apex Geospatial Data Services (Apex Geospatial), the world's premier provider of outsourced technical and data solutions for utility and telecommunications companies, announces the completion of the Gas GIS database development project for ATLAS, a customized GE Smallworld Network Solution.

A hallmark of the gas facilities GIS database development project, which commenced in July 2000, has been *1<sup>st</sup> Delivery Acceptance<sup>sm</sup>* of all deliveries. Therefore, the accuracy of the data delivered to BGE consistently met 100 percent connectivity and exceeded 99 percent for other quality measures. Additionally, the project was completed on time and within BGE's budget, once again demonstrating the strength of Apex Geospatial's approach to project management and data conversion systems. These elements were key in achieving BGE's goal of cost effectively converting existing data in a timely manner.

The ATLAS Gas project entailed construction and validation of BGE's gas network within Apex's proprietary DataWorks® conversion/migration environment. The captured data was then loaded into the ATLAS Smallworld GIS production system accessed remotely via a terminal server. The gas network information was derived from a variety of paper maps and legacy non-graphic databases. In addition, all of BGE's gas customers were connected to the gas network.

In making this announcement, Srini Vasani, President of Apex Geospatial commented, "Each new project offers us the opportunity to reaffirm our industry-leading approach and helps us to refine our conversion and delivery systems. The ATLAS gas project was no exception, and working with BGE on this project has been a true pleasure."

Chris Testa, the ATLAS Data Conversion Team Lead at BGE, stated, "I think we have proven that a very complex GIS data conversion effort can be performed cost-effectively, within an aggressive timeframe, and still exceed quality expectations. We attribute our success to a strong partnership between BGE and Apex, a great team environment, and highly qualified and talented personnel on the BGE and Apex teams".

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