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Docket No. 37024

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REF: Construction Inspection # DL22-051

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On November 16, 2022, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered DL22-051 is provided for your information and file.

In conjunction with this inspection report, Staff has recommended the following enforcement(s):

Enforcement Action:

- ☐ Notice of Probable Violation
- ☐ Notice of Probable Violation with Proposed Civil Penalty
- ☐ Notice of Amendment

Enforcement Letter:

- ☐ Warning Letter
- ☐ Letter of Concern

Enforcement Notification:

- ☐ Observed Issue
- ☒ No Violation

Please review and respond to this report in accordance with the attached Instructions for Responding to Enforcement Actions, Enforcement Letters, and Notifications Issued by the Georgia Public Service Commission. Please refer to Docket No. 37024 in your response.

Please let me know if there are any questions concerning this report at (404) 463-6526 or michellet@psc.state.ga.us. Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert

Michelle L. Thebert
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: DL22-051

OPERATOR: AGL - SE GA

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: November 16, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 10, 2023

Any questions concerning this report may be directed to the above address or by telephoning (404) 463-6526.

1. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

To conduct an inspection of the Operators construction project for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	DL20-030	10/5/2020
192.615(a)(11)	Actions required to be taken by a controller during an emergency in accordance with § 192.631.	DL20-030	10/5/2020
192.615(a)(2)	Each operator shall establish written procedures to minimize the hazard resulting from a...	DL20-030	10/5/2020

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From November 15-16, 2022 Staff reported to Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) Service territory in Savannah Georgia to conduct a field inspection of the Operator's construction site. SEC (contractor) were installing a service line at 96 Timber Retreat Trail Savannah, Ga. The installation consisted of placing two hundred seventy (270') feet on 1/12 inch plastic pipe to serve the home at this address. Installation was done by open trench due to the amount of other existing facilities in the area.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Jamie Coursey - AGL Project Coordinator
James Day (Foreman)– SEC (AGL Contractor)

Staff was represented by David Lewis, Lead Inspector.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) construction project specifications for the 1 1/4 inch PE plastic service installation by Southeast Connections (SEC) James Day (Construction Foreman), along with Michael Hunter, and Andy Moon were installing a service line at 96 Timber Retreat Trail Savannah, Ga. The installation consisted of placing two hundred seventy (270') feet on 1/12 inch plastic pipe to serve the home at this address. Installation was done by open trench due to the amount of other existing facilities in the area. Staff reviewed the materials being used, excavation for the pipe, damage prevention procedures, and qualification records along with an operator qualification field inspection on personnel performing construction tasks.

During this inspection, Staff conducted OQ Protocol 9 field verification inspections to ensure that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate Operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were available at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed an AGLC contractor construction crew (SEC) conduct OQ Protocol 9 field Task. Staff verified that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate Operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were available at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written. During the field evaluations, Staff observed the OQ credentials of SEC Foreman James Day- Task- 25B- Installation of Plastic Pipe Including Boring expires 3/31/2024, Task- 021A Inspection of Plastic Pipe expires 3/31/20246, and Task 006A- Evaluation of exposed pie expires 3/31/2024.

Staff also noted that the individual was cognizant of abnormal operating conditions that could be encountered with their task.

As a result of this inspection Staff noted no probable violations of the minimum federal safety standards.

Please review and respond to this report in accordance with the attached Instructions for Responding to Enforcement Letters Issued by the Georgia Public Service Commission.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37024**
Atlanta Gas Light Company-SE GA	)	
Inspection DL22-051 on November 16, 2022	)	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the foregoing, and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk I further certify that the *Atlanta Gas Light Company* was served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

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Respectfully Submitted this 18th day of January 2023:

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