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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering
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Atlanta, GA 30309

REF: Construction Inspection # DL22-049

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On November 7, 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 DL22-049 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: DL22-049

OPERATOR: AGL - Brunswick

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: November 7, 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
192.739	Pressure limiting and regulating stations: Inspection and testing.	JL18-027	6/4/2018

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) construction project specifications for the 1 ¼ inch PE at 313 and 317 Yacht Club Lane Saint Simons Island, Ga. SEC construction crew was installing 67 and 92 feet of 1 1/4-inch plastic pipeline upgrade service to two houses. Staff reviewed the materials being used, excavation for the pipe, damage prevention procedures, along with an operator qualification field inspection on personnel performing construction tasks.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Paul Brennen - AGLC Project Coordinator
John Skyasik - AGLC Project Coordinator
Jose Zarate - Construction Foreman) - SEC (AGL Contractor)

Staff was represented by David Lewis, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection, AGLC-Brunswick was under one (1) probable violation. Staff did not check this probable violation at this time.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) construction project specifications at 313 and 317 Yacht Club Lane where crew was doing a renewal/ upgrade service on two houses with 1 ¼" pipe in an upscale neighborhood for potential added load. The services were ninety-two feet and sixty-seven feet. With all the high-end concrete and decorative stone, the crew were having to spot existing services as well as the main by hand. At the time of my arrival the crew were spotting and decided that the main would also have to be hand dug along with cutting one driveway. The installation lasted the entire day that Staff was on site.
Staff observed an AGLC contractor construction crew (SEC) and conducted an 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 this inspection, Staff conducted OQ Protocol 9 field verification inspections. In the field evaluations, Staff observed an AGLC contractor construction crew (SEC). 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 cognizant of abnormal operating conditions that could be encountered with their task. During the field evaluations, Staff observed Construction Foreman Jose Zarate- on 4B-Damage prevention and 44A Locating. Staff also check credentials on 4B Damage Prevention exp. 10/7/2023, 44A Locating exp. 6/7/2023, 59A AOC exp. 1/18/2024, 6A Evaluating exposed pipe exp. 8/29/2024, and 25B Installation of plastic pipe exp. 8/29/2024.

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-Brunswick	)	
Inspection DL22-049 on November 7, 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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