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AGL - Operations and Engineering
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Atlanta, GA 30309

REF: Construction Inspection # JJ22-049

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On September 27, 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 JJ22-049 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) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. 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: JJ22-049

OPERATOR: AGL - West GA

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: September 27, 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
192.614	Damage prevention program.	JL15-022	3/31/2015
515-9-1-.06	Incident Notification	JL15-022	3/31/2015
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	AT19-001	1/3/2019
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	JS22-003	2/8/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On September 27 thru 29, 2022 Staff reported to Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) West Georgia Service territory Waco Georgia to conduct an unannounced field inspection of the Operator's construction site. The location of the construction site was 2955 Hwy 100 Waco Georgia. Crews were installing an 8-inch main steel pipeline for an assured pressure improvement installation project. The project started at Levern Mill Road and moved north approximately 5,550 ft. to the tap station located at 3360 Hwy. 100. Staff conducted inspection of the construction materials, components, construction maps, and construction methods. Staff conducted an OQ protocol 9 inspection on the contractor personnel as well.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Matt Wigley – Crew Supervisor (Benton Construction)
Brandon Lightner - Crew Forman (Benton Contractor)
Colby Biggs - Welder (Benton Contractor)
Todd Hayes - AGL Quality Assurance Specialist Engineer (AGL)
Chasity Painter – Project Manager (AGL)

Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Daphane Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Denial Clemmons - Pipeline Safety Inspector

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff made an unannounced visit to an Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) construction project in the West Georgia service area. Staff visited a Benton Construction site where the AGL contractor was installing an 8" inch Steel pipeline on Highway 100 in Waco Georgia. The pipeline being installed was approximately 5,550 ft. of 8-inch steel pipeline and is considered to be a large, assured pressure improvement installation project. 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. This Benton Construction crew was able to demonstrate and verify they could produce all AGL procedures and AOC documentation while staff was on the construction site.

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, 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 Operators contractor (Benton) personnel perform each task. Staff observed Colbey Biggs, performing (Welding), Brandon Lighter, performed (Damage Prevention Inspection Excavation), and John Mitrovic, performed (Application of Coating). Staff observed that they complied with the Operators procedures in the AGLC OPM. Staff also verified OQ requirements for each individual. Staff also noted that each 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-West GA	)	
Inspection JJ22-049 on September 27, 2022	)	
	)	

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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