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AGL - Operations and Engineering
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REF: Incident Inspection # JB22-028

ATTN: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On December 3, 2022 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an investigation of a reported incident involving your natural gas system and found no violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations. The enclosed inspection report numbered JB22-028 is provided for your information and file.

Please note that unless specifically addressed in the attached report, any previously existing probable violations were not addressed during this investigation, and no response is required for those items.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please contact me at (404) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. If you submit a written response to this inspection, please refer to Docket No. 37024.

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: JB22-028

OPERATOR: AGL - Atlanta

INVESTIGATOR: Jeff Baggett

INSPECTION DATE: December 3, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 23, 2023

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

1. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

To investigate a reported incident at 973 Bolton Road NW, Atlanta GA

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.465	External corrosion control: Monitoring	JL15-014	3/2/2015
192.615(a)(3)(ii)	Prompt and effective response to a notice of each type of emergency, including the following...	JB21-021	8/5/2021
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	JH22-001	1/10/2022
192.615(c)	Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other...	JH22-001	1/10/2022
192.181(b)	Each regulator station controlling the flow or pressure of gas in a distribution system must have...	JH22-001	1/10/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On December 3, 2022, Staff was notified of an incident at 973 Bolton Road NW where there were two (2) fatalities reported.

During this investigation, the Operator was represented by:
Rick Lonn - Southern Company Gas - Director, Pipeline Risk Management
Rick Slagle - Atlanta Gas Light Company- Director, Compliance and Quality Assurance

Commission Staff was represented by:
Michelle Thebert - Director, Facilities Protection Unit
Jeff Baggett - Lead Investigator
Will Culbreath - GUFPA Case Manager / Pipeline Safety Inspector
Alan Towe - Pipeline Safety Inspector
Joe Jones - Pipeline Safety Inspector

Also present during this investigation were:
Rachael Gunaratnam - NTSB - Hazardous Materials Accident Investigator
Sara Lyons - NTSB - Pipeline Investigator
Sheryl Harley - NTSB - Fire Investigator
Darren Lemmerman - PHMSA AID Investigator
Brian Pierzini - PHMSA AID Investigator

STAFFS INVESTIGATION

On December 3, 2022, Staff was notified of an incident at 973 Bolton Road NW where there were two (2) fatalities reported. Responding fire units had requested assistance from AGLC because they believed they were fighting a gas-fed fire. Gas technicians responded to shut down the service and noted that they were picking up gas at the main and in the other utilities at the street. Due to the damage and the fatalities AGLC reported this event to the NRC as a reportable incident.

Before Staff began their investigation, they were notified that the National Transportation Safety Bureau (NTSB) was deploying to lead an investigation. This investigation was initiated on site at approximately 1900 on December 4, 2022. The investigation was suspended at approximately 1300 on December 5, 2022 when evidence obtained by the Atlanta Fire Department, and results of the autopsies of the victims, indicated that this was most likely a criminal investigation.

Although the investigation was suspended it appears that the natural gas facilities at this location were not the cause of this incident.

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-Atlanta	)	
Inspection JB22-028 on December 3, 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 26th day of January 2023:

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