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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering
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REF: Construction Inspection # DJ22-035

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On July 19, 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 DJ22-035 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: DJ22-035

OPERATOR: AGL - Newnan

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: July 19, 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 conduct an inspection of the Operators construction project for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On July 19-20, 2022, Staff reported to Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) Service territory in Newnan, Georgia to conduct an unannounced field inspection of the Operator's construction site. The location of the construction site was on Gordon Road between Sid Hunter Road and Drayton Farms in Senoia Georgia. Benton Construction Crews was installing a new 6" inch plastic distribution pipeline on a new business project. Staff conducted an inspection of construction materials, components, construction maps, and construction methods.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Brandon Lightner – Crew Foreman / Benton Construction (AGL Contractor)
John Mourovic – Equipment Operator / Benton Construction (AGL Contractor)
Todd Hayes - AGL Quality Assurance Specialist Engineer

Staff was represented by:
Daphne Jones – Lead Inspector
Joe Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Daniel Clemmons - Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the AGLC – Newnan Service Center was under no previously existing probable violation.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff made an unannounced visit to an Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) construction project in the Newnan service area. Staff found Benton Construction an AGL Contractor installing 6" inch plastic pipeline on Gordon Road near Senoia Georgia. The pipeline project was 9,950' and started at the crossing of Sid Hunter Road and Gordon Road and ended at Drayton Farms Subdivision. The project was listed as new business for AGL. There were no preexisting natural gas pipelines 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. 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, 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 Operators contractor personnel with Benton Construction perform each task. Staff observed Brandon Lightner, Benton Foreman, performing the Task #004B – Damage Prevention Inspection (Excavation) qualification verified current until 03/28/2023, and Task #055B Visual Inspection of Joining Materials Other Than Welding/Electrofusion, qualifications verified current until 03/3/2023. Also, Staff observed John Wourovic, Benton Operator, performing the Task #021A – Installation of Plastic Pipe qualification verified as current until 10/3/2022, and Task #055B Visual Inspection of Joining Materials Other Than Welding/Electrofusion, qualifications verified current until 03/3/2023, qualifications verified current until 01/18/2023. 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-Newnan	)	
Inspection DJ22-035 on July 19, 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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