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Docket No. 37024

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REF: Construction Inspection # AT22-024

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On May 31, 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 AT22-024 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: AT22-024

OPERATOR: AGL - Macon

INVESTIGATOR: Alan Towe

INSPECTION DATE: May 31, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 19, 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...	AT19-032	8/15/2019

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On May 31, 2022, Staff reported to Bibb County to conduct an inspection of the Atlanta Gas Light Company new polyethylene service pipeline construction project for compliance with 49CFR Part 192 of the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Mac Loyd – Quality Assurance Inspector, Atlanta Gas Light Company
James Smith – Construction Inspector, Atlanta Gas Light Company
Austin Cheshire – Foreman, Benton Georgia Construction

Commission Staff was represented by Alan Towe, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection the Macon Service Center had one previously existing violations. Because this inspection was performed in the field Staff did not review this violation.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff found that the Operator was performing a new service construction in Bibb County. Staff reviewed the Operators procedures, materials, joining application and installation of a half inch polyethylene service being performed by the Operators contractor Benton Georgia. Staff found that the Operator was installing approximately 100 feet of half inch polyethylene plastic s with a proposed MAOP of 60 psig.

Staff observed Operators contractor personnel perform installation of plastic pipe and joining of plastic to the main by saddle fusion and service line to the EFV by socket fusion. However, the Operators personnel performing a construction inspection rejected the saddle fusion performed by their contract personnel and had it disfigured so as no tap could be made. Staff asked if the Operators personnel was qualified to perform visual inspections on heat fusion and was told they were not qualified but had received training and had some experience with fusion. Operator provided records indicated that their personnel in question was trained in plastic joining on 10-18-2021.

During this inspection Staff observed the Operators contract personnel Mr. Austin Cheshire with Benton Georgia performing the following covered tasks:

1. Task #021A - Installation of Plastic Pipe (includes boring).
2. Task #055A - Visual Inspection of Materials Other Than Welding (Heat Fusion).
3. Task #055A – Socket & Saddle Heat Fusion.

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:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37024**
Atlanta Gas Light Company-Newnan	)	
Inspection AT22-024 on May 31, 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 26th day of January 2023:

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