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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering
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Atlanta, GA 30309

REF: Construction Inspection # JJ22-045

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On August 30, 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 JJ22-045 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: JJ22-045

OPERATOR: AGL - SE GA

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: August 30, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 31, 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...	DL20-030	10/5/2020
192.615(a)(11)	Actions required to be taken by a controller during an emergency in accordance with § 192.631.	DL20-030	10/5/2020
192.615(a)(2)	Each operator shall establish written procedures to minimize the hazard resulting from a...	DL20-030	10/5/2020

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From August 30 thru September 1, 2022, Staff reported to Atlanta Gas Light Company Southeastern Georgia Service Center in Savannah Georgia to conduct an unannounced field inspection of the Operator's construction site. The location of the construction site was Scarborough Street and Augusta Avenue in Savannah Georgia. Crews were installing 2-inch main plastic pipeline for the renewal project. SEC construction crews were also replacing old services by replacing them with new Driscoplex 1/2-inch plastic pipeline. Staff conducted inspection of construction materials/ components, construction description maps, and construction methods. Staff conducted OQ protocol 9 inspection on contract personnel.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Charlie Waters – Supervisor Distribution Operations
Michael Edge - Operator Forman (AGL Contractor)
John Fore - Operator Forman (AGL Contractor)
Todd Hayes - AGL Quality Assurance Specialist Engineer
Bobby Smith - AGL Quality Assurance Specialist Engineer

Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead 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 SE Savannah service area. Staff visited an SEC construction site where the AGL Contractor was installing 2" inch plastic pipeline on Scarborough Street and Augusta Avenue in Savannah Georgia. The pipeline being installed was approximately 2,220 ft. of Driscoplex plastic pipeline and is considered to be a large renewal project. Crews were also renewing approximately 247' of 1/2" plastic services for replacement. 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 SEC 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 (SEC) personnel perform each task. Staff observed Dana Jones performing (Socket-Fusion), Michael Edge performed Installation of Plastic pipe (includes Boring), and John Fore performed a Damage Prevention Inspection (Excavation). Staff observed 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.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37024**
Atlanta Gas Light Company-Athens	)	
Inspection JJ22-045 on August 30, 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 7th day of February 2023:

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