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AGL - Operations and Engineering
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Atlanta, GA 30309

REF: Construction Inspection # KR22-033

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On October 11, 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 KR22-033 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) 463-6526 or michellet@psc.state.ga.us. 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: KR22-033

OPERATOR: AGL - Athens

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: October 11, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 30, 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...	AT20-014	2/27/2020

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From October 11th thru October 20th 2022 Staff reported to Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) Service territory located in Northeast Georgia, the city of Athens to conduct a field inspection of the Operator's construction site. Southeast Connection is working on a regulator station renewal project at Richard Way and Barnett Shoals Road in Athens, GA.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Mack Loyd – AGL Quality Assurance Specialist
Randy Moss – AGL Inspector
Brandon Watkins – Southeast Connections Foreman

Staff was represented by:
Kenny Rowe – Lead Pipeline Safety Inspector
Brant Sweat - Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection Atlanta Gas Light (Southern Company) Athens branch was under one (1) previously existing probable violation. This violation was not reviewed at the time of this inspection.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) construction project specifications for the regulator station renewal project at Richard Way and Barnett Shoals Road in Athens GA. This project consisted of installing roughly 400ft of 4-inch PE plastic main to reroute the main in order to install a new regulator station. Doing this will eliminate two regulator stations, one at Richard Way and one at Brookstone Dr. The new regulator station installed will service both of these streets. Emergency inlet valve and outlet valves are being installed 20 ft from the new station for compliance purposes. 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.

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 an AGLC contractor construction crew (Southeast Connections) conduct OQ Protocol 9 field Task. Staff verified 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 Southeast Connections Employee Andrew McCready perform Task #OQ025B Installation of Plastic Pipe, qualifications were verified current until 10/5/2024. Staff also observed Southeast Connections employee Jean Luke Brooks perform Task #OQ021A Inspection of Plastic Pipe, qualifications verified current until 9/14/2027. Staff also observed Southeast Connections employee Tyler Harris perform Task #OQ04B Damage Prevention Inspection (Excavation), Qualifications were verified current until 9/12/2023. Staff also noted that the individuals were cognizant of abnormal operating conditions that could be encountered with the task performed.

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-Athens	)	
Inspection KR22-033 on October 11, 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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