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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering
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Atlanta, GA 30309

REF: Construction Inspection # KR22-031

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On September 26, 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 KR22-031 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: KR22-031

OPERATOR: AGL - Athens

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: September 26, 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 inspect the Operators construction project for compliance with minimum federal safety standards in CFR49 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 September 26th thru September 29, 2022 Staff reported to Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) Service territory located in Northeast Georgia, the City of Jefferson to conduct a field inspection of the Operator's construction site. Gunter Construction Company is installing a 4 inch Drisocoplex distribution pipeline for AGL on a main extension project located at the intersection of Old Pendergrass Rd. and Hwy 129 in Jefferson, GA.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by Mack Loyd, AGL Quality Assurance Specialist

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 4 inch plastic pipe extension at Old Pendergrass Rd. and Hwy 129. This project consisted of installing 1,075 ft of 4 inch PE plastic main from the west side of the intersection to the east side of the intersection for future commercial development. 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 (Gunter Construction) 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 Construction Foreman Ricky Cheek performing the Task #055B Visual Inspection of Joining of materials other than welding (Electrofusion), qualification verified current until 4/5/2023 and Task #025B, Installation of Plastic Pipe, Qualification verified current until 5/19/2024. Staff also observed Rodney Bates perform Butt Fusion Manual 4", qualifications verified current until 12/31/2022/ 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.

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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 KR22-031 on September 26, 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 7th day of February 2023:

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