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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering
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Location 1365
Atlanta, GA 30309

REF: Construction Inspection # AT23-031

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On July 10, 2023, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered AT23-031 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) 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: AT23-031

OPERATOR: AGL - NW GA

INVESTIGATOR: Alan Towe

INSPECTION DATE: July 10, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 31, 2024

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...	AT21-005	1/5/2021

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On July 11, 2023, Staff reported to Polk County to conduct an inspection of the Atlanta Gas Light Company two-inch polyethylene pipeline construction project for compliance with 49CFR Part 192 of the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Anthony Linley – Construction Inspector, Atlanta Gas Light Company
Bobby Gable – Foreman, Benton-Georgia Inc.
Brandon Stephens – Technician, Benton-Georgia Inc.

Commission Staff was represented by Alan Towe, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection the AGLC NW Georgia 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 observed Operator's contractor installing a new two-inch polyethylene main at South Cave Spring Street in Cedartown. Staff found piping manufactured by Driscoplex to be properly marked per code standards. Operator contractor personnel performed a fusion tap on the existing 2-inch polyethylene main. An air test was performed on the newly installed plastic main at 100 psig. Operator also installed coated #12-gauge tracer wire alongside the new main. The Main was purged and placed into service for the replacement of the Operator's existing coated steel main on this street. Operator installed one valve for this new main replacement.

Also, Staff performed O.Q. Protocol 9 field inspection on the following individuals: Mr. Bobby Gable and Brandon Stephens, for the following covered tasks:

1. 025B – Installation of Plastic Pipe.
2. 046A – Purging of Pipelines
3. 045A – Pressure Test
4. 055A – Heat Fusion

Staff found that their contractor employees' qualification records were up to date and no issues were found during the field observations.

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	)	
Inspection AT23-031 on July 10, 2023	)	
	)	

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 6th day of February 2024:

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