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Docket No. 37024

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REF: Construction Inspection # DJ23-039

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On November 20, 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 DJ23-039 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: DJ23-039

OPERATOR: AGL - West GA

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: November 20, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 8, 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 at 1750 Big A Rd, Douglasville, Ga for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.614	Damage prevention program.	JL15-022	3/31/2015
515-9-1-.06	Incident Notification	JL15-022	3/31/2015
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	AT19-001	1/3/2019
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	JS22-003	2/8/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On November 20-22, 2023, Staff reported to 1750 Big A Rd., Douglasville, Ga. 30135 to conduct an unannounced inspection of the Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) construction project for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192 and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Bobby Gable – Benton Crew Foreman
Brandon Stevens – Benton Equipment Operator
Eric Hunt – Benton Equipment Operator
Victory Salazar – Benton Equipment Operator
Clinton Hulsey – Benton Drill Foreman
Todd Haynes – AGL Quality Assurance Inspector

Commission Staff was represented by Daphne Jones, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection, the AGLC West- GA Service Center was under four (4) previously existing probable violations. Due to this being a construction inspection and because all inspections were conducted at the field site, Staff elected not to review the existing probable violations at this time.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff performed an unannounced inspection of an AGLC contract construction crew (Benton) installing new 2" inch plastic and 4" inch plastic pipeline at 1750 Big A Rd., Douglasville, Ga near Brookshire CT in Douglas County. The pipeline project consisted of 270 ft of 2" inch plastic and 8,450 ft of 4" inch plastic pipeline. The project was listed as new business for AGL. Staff reviewed the materials being used, excavation for the pipe, damage prevention procedures, and qualification records along with a qualification field inspection on personnel performing construction tasks.

From November 20-22, 2023, Staff observed an AGLC contractor construction crew (Benton) perform OQ Protocol 9 field tasks. 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 protocol field evaluations, Staff observed Benton Construction personnel perform the following tasks:
1. Brandon Stevens / Benton Crew Foreman, performed:
- Task #055A – Visual Inspection of Joining Materials Other Than Welding/Plastic Fusion, qualified 09/22/2023, through 09/22/2024.
- Task #004B – Damage Prevention Inspection (Excavation), qualified 12/01/2022 through 2/1/2023.

2. Clinton Hulsey / Benton Drill Foreman, performed:
-Task #025B – Installation of plastic pipe (Boring Process), qualified 09/24/2023, through 09/24/2026.
- Task #004B – Damage Prevention Inspection (Excavation), qualified 07/22/2023 through 07/22/2024.

3. Victory Salazar / Benton Equipment Operator, performed:
-Task #025B – Installation of plastic pipe (Boring Process), qualified 08/18/2021, through 08/17/2024.
- Task #004B – Damage Prevention Inspection (Excavation), qualified 05/04/2023 through 05/04/2024.

Staff verified that Benton personnel had access to electronic copies of the procedures and all observed tasks were performed by adhering to the requirements of the AGL Operations and Procedures manual. Staff also conducted a review of the surrounding area indicated the existing utilities had been located and marked in the construction area.

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:	)	
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No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37024**
Atlanta Gas Light Company- West GA	)	
Inspection DJ23-039 on November 20, 2023	)	
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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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