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Docket No. 37024

DOCKET # 37024
DOCUMENT # 217796

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Atlanta, GA 30309

REF: Construction Inspection # JH23-005

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On January 12, 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 JH23-005 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: JH23-005

OPERATOR: AGL - Cumming

INVESTIGATOR: Jack Hewitt

INSPECTION DATE: January 12, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 28, 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

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Starting January 12, 2023 through numerous dates ending November 16, 2023. Staff reported to West Hightower Dr., Dawsonville, Ga. to conduct an inspection of the Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company Gas) Phase 1 of the 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:
Rick Slagel - Director of Compliance AGL
Ralph McCollum - Chief Compliance Engineer
Kieth Brook - Director Large Pipe Construction AGL
Justin Cox - Construction Supervisor AGL
Geoff Dale - Manager Large Pipeline Construction AGL
Melissa LeBlanc - Chief Inspector E'scoto (AGL Contractor)
Shawn Singleton - Welding Inspector AGL
Bobby Smith - AGL Quality Assurance
Lane Sanford - Supt. SEC (Southeast Connections)
Chris Swann - SEC (Southeast Connections) Safety and Compliance

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jack Hewitt - Lead Inspector
Alan Towe – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Jeff Baggett – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Joe Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Glynn Blanton - PHMSA State Programs Evaluator

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the AGLC new construction project specifications in Forsyth County. The purpose of this project was for pressure improvement in the Dahlonega, GA area where AGL has needed to use their portable LNG trailer during extreme cold temperatures. This is Phase one of a three-phase project. Staff reviewed the materials being used, coating and jeeping procedures for the pipe, welding procedures, and qualification records along with a qualification field inspection on personnel performing construction tasks.

The Pipeline construction consisted of 58,080 feet of 16-inch steel transmission pipe starting at the station on Spot Rd. Cumming, GA going cross country on AGL Right of Way ending on Hwy. 53 In Dawson Co. GA. Construction was installed by directional boring and some open ditches. Butt welding was performed by a qualified welder.

During the field evaluations, Staff performed protocol 9 inspections on 7 different dates during this inspection. Staff observed the contractor SEC (Southeast Connections) perform Operator Qualified tasks and verified that the personnel performing the covered tasks qualifications were current.

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- Cummings	)	
Inspection JH23-005 on January 12, 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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Respectfully Submitted this 6th day of March 2024:

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