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Ms. Michelle Thebert
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Dear Ms. Thebert:

Please find enclosed Atlanta Gas Light Company's (AGLC) two quarterly reports relating to continuing efforts to reduce the number of third-party damages to our underground facilities in Georgia.

The reports included are as follows:

- *Damage Report Summary*: April - June 2024
- *Quarterly Damage Comparison Report*: April - June 2023 compared to 2024

Report Highlights:

The third-party damage performance metrics during the 2nd quarter of 2024 are as follows:

- Damages: 841
- Locates: 225,330
- Damages /1000 Locates: 3.73

The cause of damage per 1000 locates during this quarter are as follows:

- 2.16 damages were due to the Excavator being at fault
  - 1.52 Excavator error damages were due to Damaging within the Tolerance Zone
  - 0.42 Excavator error damages were due to Excavating Without a Valid Locate Ticket
  - 0.01 Excavator error damages were due to other causes such as Failure to Preserve Marks,
  - 0.14 Excavating Outside Scope, etc.
  - 0.02 Excavator dug prior to verifying marks by test-hole (pothole)
  - 0.02 Improper excavation practice not listed above
  - 0.01 Marking Error
  - 0.01 No notification made to the One-Call Center/811
  - 0.01 Other

- 0.18 damages were due to Excavator – Municipal Error
  - 0.11 Municipal error damages were due to damaging within the tolerance zone
  - 0.06 Municipal error damages were due to excavating without a valid ticket
  - 0.01 Excavating Outside Scope, etc.

- 1.11 damages were due to Locator Error
  - 0.50 Locator error damages were due to Marking Error
  - 0.55 Locator error damages were due to Failure to Mark the Facility
  - 0.01 Facility not marked due to Locator error
  - 0.03 Locator damaged facility within tolerance

- 0.07 damages were due to Unknown Damagers

- 0.21 damages were due to AGLC or AGLC Contractor Error
  - 0.12 AGLC error damages were due to Inaccurate AGL (Atlanta Gas Light) Records
  - 0.04 AGLC error damages were due to Unlocatable Pipe
  - 0.04 AGLC Contractor error damages were due to damaging within the tolerance zone

As part of our continuing commitment to damage prevention, AGLC continues to utilize and improve the following processes for the overall damage prevention program. They include the following.

- **Difficult to Locate Assistance:** When locators and contractors encounter problems with locating AGLC facilities, Asset Protection Specialists and Service Centers assist with the locate efforts to ensure damage does not occur. The Company continues to incorporate the Request for Assistance Form available through its internal SharePoint Site. Continued use of the Jameson Gas Line Tracer has proven to be effective. AGLC remains committed to exploring modern technology and alternative methods for locating gas facilities.

- **High Profile Locate Process: The** High Profile Locate process remains in effect. Asset Protection Specialists and ROW Inspectors advise excavators that the scope of the project could include HP or critical facilities. The Specialists and Inspectors then educate the excavators on safe digging practices when working around gas lines. This process helps to raise awareness for excavators in the field.

- **Locator Error: AGLC** continues to work with its locate contractors (USIC & Stake Center Locating) in the areas of Locator at Fault Damages and On-Time Performance. The split of "Large Project" locates requests away from regular production locate requests has allowed for a more concentrated effort to address increased demand in the Large Project arena.

- **Focus on Education and Quality Audits**: The improved root cause analysis and statistically based audit process allows Asset Protection personnel to deliver additional and targeted education and training.
  - Approximately 12,774 excavators and locators were trained on the dig law, etc. through formal and tailgate sessions from April 1 through June 31, 2024.
  - AGL has continued contacting top damagers to schedule educational sessions. This has resulted in numerous safe digging sessions with excavators and locator training that would otherwise not have been possible.

- **Watch and Protect Program**:
  - AGLC continues to utilize the Watch and Protect program (W&P) to identify elevated risk tickets for all excavation work through the use of predictive analytics. AGLC deploys W&P resources to the riskiest of those sites for direct and immediate intervention. While the predictive analytics model continues to learn, AGLC continues to realize the benefits of this approach. In comparison to the 2023 Q2 Combined LP & Production damage ratio of 3.40, the 2024 Q2 Combined LP & Production damage ratio is 3.73. The increase in damage ratio was due to a mix of factors, including lower statewide ticket volume than anticipated and high excavator damages within the tolerance zone. AGLC's expectation is that, as the model continues to learn, the efficacy of the actionable data will improve.



If you have questions or if I may be of further assistance, please contact me. I can be contacted by telephone on my cell phone - (404) 694-3115.

Sincerely,

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Manager, Asset Protection

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