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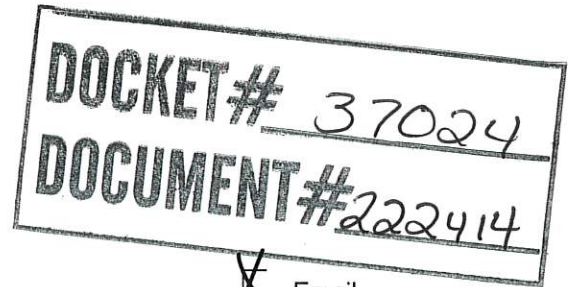
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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering  
Ten Peachtree Place, NE Suite 1000  
Location 1365  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
REF: Construction Inspection # EA24-036



☐ Certified Mail

☐ Regular Mail

☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On December 9, 2024, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered EA24-036 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:** EA24-036

**OPERATOR:** AGL - SE GA

**INVESTIGATOR:** Eric Atkins

**INSPECTION DATE:** December 9, 2024

**REPORT MAILED DATE:** April 29, 2025

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

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Inspection#</b>	<b>Date</b>
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	DL20-030	10/5/2020
192.615(a) (11)	Actions required to be taken by a controller during an emergency in accordance with § 192.631.	DL20-030	10/5/2020
192.615(a)(2)	Each operator shall establish written procedures to minimize the hazard resulting from a...	DL20-030	10/5/2020

## 3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

## 4. NEW VIOLATIONS

## 5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From December 9, through 11, 2024, Staff reported to Atlanta Gas Light Company (Southern Company) Savannah service territory Savannah Georgia, to conduct an unannounced field inspection of the Operator's construction site. The location of the construction site was 930 Chatham Parkway Savannah, Georgia. Southeast Connections (SEC) Crew was installing a 2-inch plastic distribution pipeline and service to a new car wash. Staff conducted an inspection of construction materials/ components, construction description maps, and construction methods. Staff also conducted an OQ protocol 9 inspection on contract personnel.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:  
Bo Beasley – Construction Supervisor AGL (Southern Company)  
Jamie Coursey – Construction Inspector AGL (Southern Company)  
Danny Cerda – Construction Supervisor (AGL Contractor)  
Jose Zarate – Foreman (AGL Contractor)

Commission Staff was represented by:  
Eric Atkins – Lead Inspector  
Joseph Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector

#### NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection The Georgia Public Service Commission Staff made an unannounced Construction Inspection on AGL (Southern Company) located at 930 Chatham Parkway Savannah, Georgia. Contractor was installing a 2-inch plastic pipeline and service to a new car wash at that location.

Commission Staff met with Jamie Coursey Construction Inspector for AGL. Mr. Coursey advised us that SEC was in the process of installing a 2-inch main and service to supply service to a new car wash. The bore was approximately 715-Feet with 92-Feet of service. Staff conducted inspection of construction materials, components, construction maps, and construction methods. Staff did not find any violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations during this inspection.

During this inspection Staff observed as an AGLC contractor (Southeast Connections) crew perform OQ Protocol 9 field Task. Staff verified that the covered tasks 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 tasks were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed Jose Zarate (Foreman) performing

- Task #OQ044AA – Pipe Locating and Marking all conventional equipment / AGLC OPM Task performed correctly / qualification verified current until 05/30/2025;
- Task #OQ025 B- Installation of Plastic Pipe Including Boring / AGLC OPM Task performed correctly / qualification verified as current until 08/20/2027
- Task #OQ055A Visual Inspection of Joining material other than welding (heat fusion) / AGLC OPM Task performed correctly / qualification verified as current until 05/30/2025.

Staff verified that the individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedure and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

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.

# OPERATOR RESPONSE FORM

Operator Name: ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Informal Conference Requested: Yes ☐ No ☐

Docket Number: 37024

Responses required within **30 days of electronic mail**. Provide the following information for this report:

Response to Inspection Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Enforcement Action(s) cited in report:

- ☐ Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV)
- ☐ Notice of Amendment (NOA)
- ☐ Warning Letter
- ☐ Letter of Concern
- ☐ Observed Issue
- ☐ Proposed Civil Penalty

- ☐ New ☐ Continuing
- ☐ New ☐ Continuing
- ☐ New ☐ Continuing
- ☐ New ☐ Continuing
- ☐ New ☐ Continuing

Informal Conference Requested

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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PCP \$ Amount (Total for report)

Indicate below (A-E) based on the type of Enforcement Actions in this report: (Check all that apply)  
Complete a separate copy of Page 2, Operator Response to Enforcement Action, for each cited item.

A. Response for **Notice of Probable Violation** (with and without proposed civil penalty):

1. ☐ Written statement indicating that corrective measures have achieved Compliance or
2. ☐ Written plan of action outlining the corrective measures that will be taken to achieve compliance and when compliance is anticipated.

B. Response for **NOA**:

1. ☐ Contested: Attach written explanation, information, or other material in answer to the allegations in the Notice of Amendment stating your reasons for objecting to the NOA, in whole or in part; or
2. ☐ Not Contested: Explanation, information, or other material believed to warrant modification of the NOA in whole or in part; or
3. ☐ Written request for clarification. (Attached)

C. Response for **Continuing** and/or **Existing** violations:

Current status, updates, expected completion dates, proposed modifications, etc., of the continuing and/or existing violations, even if this information was previously provided. Referencing a previously filed response letter, as status, updates, etc. alone is not sufficient for this response. Failure to provide this information may result in formal interrogatories from the Director through data requests.

D. Response for ☐ **Letter of Concern** / ☐ **Warning Letter**

I acknowledge receipt of the Letter of Concern/Warning Letter: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE / TITLE

Additional Comments: (Optional)  
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\_\_\_\_\_

E. Response for **Observed Issue** and **No Violation**: (Optional Response)

Staff requests that the Operator acknowledge receipt of the Observed Issue/No Violation in writing, or by submitting an email to the FPU Director

## Operator Response to Enforcement Action

Enforcement Action for: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Violation

☐ Continuing Violation

Enter Code / Commission Rule (Complete a separate attachment for each enforcement action)

Enforcement Action(s) cited in report:

☐ Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV)

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☐ Observed Issue

☐ Proposed Civil Penalty

Conference Requested:

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Proposed Penalty for this violation

OPERATORS RESPONSE: \_\_\_\_\_

Response Provided by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name / Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Internal use only:

Lead Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Response Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Actions Acceptable: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Re-inspection Needed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Clear Violation: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Supervisor Review by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Enforcement Recommended: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Director Review

Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Schedule Special Follow-up Inspection: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cleared Violation: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Filings:**

For all written responses or any other official correspondence, the Operator shall file the response at the following address:

Ms. Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary  
Georgia Public Service Commission  
244 Washington Street, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The Operator must file **five (5)** copies of any response and/or official correspondence, as well as a CD with an electronic version of the response in Microsoft Word and/or a PDF, if applicable.

## **Informal Conference:**

Any Operator who chooses to request an informal conference shall request such a conference through emailing the Director ([michellet@psc.state.ga.us](mailto:michellet@psc.state.ga.us)), calling the Director (404-463-2765), or selecting the "Request Conference" choice.

## **Civil Penalty Payments:**

Certified check for the full amount of the recommended civil penalty or consent agreement amount made payable to the Georgia Public Service Commission. The Operator's name, applicable Docket No., and Inspection Report No. must be included on the certified check. Mail payment to:

Ms. Michelle Thebert, Director, Facilities Protection Unit  
Georgia Public Service Commission  
244 Washington Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

## **Hearing Requests:**

The Operator has the right to request a hearing before the full Commission to contest the alleged probable violations, recommended civil penalties, and all other proposed actions of enforcement. A request for a hearing must be submitted in writing and in accordance with Commission Rule 515-2-1-.04. The Operator must include a statement of the issues that you intend to raise at the hearing. The issues may relate to the allegations, new information, proposed compliance order, proposed civil penalty, or any other recommendation for enforcement action. Please refer to Commission Rule 515-9-3-.11 and O.C.G.A. § 46-2-91 for assessment considerations upon which civil penalties are based. An operator's failure to specify an issue may result in a waiver of the right to raise that issue at hearing. The request must also indicate whether or not the Operator will be represented by counsel at the hearing.

## **Open Records and Trade Secret Filings:**

The Operator is advised that any material provided to the Commission, and all materials prepared by the Commission, including the Notice of Probable Violations and any Orders issued in this case, may be considered public information and subject to disclosure under the Georgia Open Records Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq.). If you believe that any portion of your response material is security sensitive, privileged, confidential or may cause your company competitive disadvantages and would qualify for protection under the Commission's "Trade Secret Rule" (Commission Rule 515-3-1-.11), you must, along with the complete original document clearly marked "TRADE SECRET" on each page, provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for trade secret treatment redacted, and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for such trade secret treatment. Should the Commission receive a request for disclosure of any "TRADE SECRET" material, you will be notified, if after review, the materials and your provided justification are deemed not to meet any exemptions provided in the Georgia Open Records Act. You may appeal the Commission's decision to release material at that time. Your appeal will stay the release of those materials until a final decision is made.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Atlanta Gas Light Company

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DOCKET NO. 37024

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing document on the following persons via email and/or United States Mail as follows:

\*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary  
Georgia Public Service Commission  
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\*Michelle Thebert, Facilities Protection Unit Director  
Georgia Public Service Commission  
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Respectfully Submitted this 15th day of May 2025:

*Cathy Nesbitt*

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