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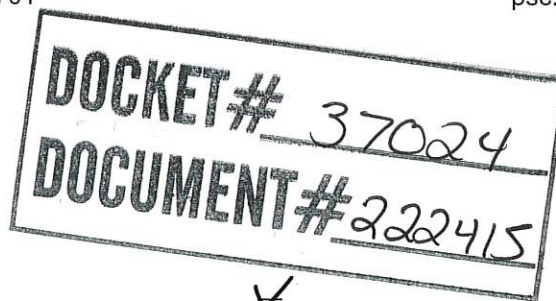
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Docket No. 37024



AGL - Operations and Engineering  
Ten Peachtree Place, NE Suite 1000  
Location 1365  
Atlanta, GA 30309  
REF: Construction Inspection # JH24-043

Certified Mail

Regular Mail

Email

Attention: Mr. Pedro Cherry

On November 19, 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 JH24-043 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 L. Thebert  
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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### REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JH24-043

OPERATOR: AGL - SE GA

INVESTIGATOR: Jack Hewitt

INSPECTION DATE: November 19, 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 November 19, 2024 through November 21, 2024. Staff reported to 3066 Belfast Keller Rd. in Richmond Hill, GA to conduct a construction inspection of Atlanta Gas Light Company's (Southern Company Gas) installation of approximately 800' of 4" Plastic Gas main for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192 and conducted three (3) Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:  
Charlie Waters – Construction/Operations Inspector AGL  
John Fore – Business Support Supervisor Southeast Connections (SEC AGL Contractor)  
Robert Spradlin - Southeast Connections (SEC AGL Contractor)  
Rusbel Lopez (SEC AGL Contractor)  
Hunter Pipkin (SEC AGL Contractor)

Commission Staff was represented by:  
Jack Hewitt - Lead Inspector  
David Lewis – Pipeline Safety Inspector

### **NO VIOLATIONS FOUND**

During this inspection Staff reviewed the locate ticket Operator Procedures and Operator Qualifications for all applicable tasks being performed. The purpose of this project is the installation of gas mains and services to a new Del Webb Community located at 3066 Belfast Keller Rd in Richmond Hill, GA. The project includes 615' of 6" PE Gas Main, 1800' of 4" Plastic Gas Main, 5960' of 2" Gas Main and 148 3/8" Plastic Gas Services.

Staff performed a protocol 9 inspections on three SEC Contractors performing covered tasks while on site of this inspection. Staff checked the OQ credentials of Robert Sandlin / Crewman SEC (AGL Contractor) Performed task #OQ021A, Inspection of Plastic Pipe, his qualifications are good thru 7/29/2029, Staff checked the OQ credentials of Rusbel Lopez Crewman SEC (AGL Contractor) Performed task #OQ055A- Visual Inspection of Joining Materials Other Than Welding (Heat Fusion) his qualifications are good thru 5/1/2025, and Staff checked the OQ credentials of Hunter Pipkin / Operator SEC (AGL Contractor) Performed task #OQ044AA Locating, Qualifications good thru 10/29/2025.

Staff verified that each individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedures 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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 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:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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# OPERATOR RESPONSE FORM

Operator Name: ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Informal Conference Requested: Yes  No

Docket Number: 37024

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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  
244 Washington Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30334

\* Walt Farrell, President and CEO  
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\*Michelle Thebert, Facilities Protection Unit Director  
Georgia Public Service Commission  
244 Washington Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Respectfully Submitted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025:

*Cathy Nesbitt*

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Cathy Nesbitt, Administrative Assistant  
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