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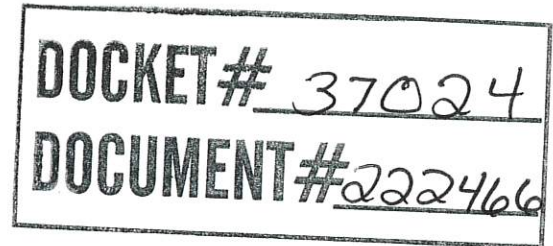
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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering
Ten Peachtree Place, NE Suite 1000
Location 1365
Atlanta, GA 30309
REF: Incident Inspection # JB24-004

ATTN: Mr. Pedro Cherry



On March 25, 2024 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an investigation of a reported incident involving your natural gas system and found no violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations. The enclosed inspection report numbered JB24-004 is provided for your information and file.

Please note that unless specifically addressed in the attached report, any previously existing probable violations were not addressed during this investigation, and no response is required for those items.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please contact me at (404) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. If you submit a written response to this inspection, please refer to Docket No. 37024.

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: JB24-004

OPERATOR: AGL - Atlanta

INVESTIGATOR: Jeff Baggett

INSPECTION DATE: March 25, 2024

REPORT MAILED DATE: May 1, 2025

Any questions concerning this report may be directed to the above address or by telephoning (404) 463-6526.

1. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

To investigate a reportable incident at 2683 Campbellton Road (Po Freddie's BBQ)

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.465	External corrosion control: Monitoring	JL15-014	3/2/2015
192.615(a)(3) (ii)	Prompt and effective response to a notice of each type of emergency, including the following...	JB21-021	8/5/2021
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	JH22-001	1/10/2022
192.615(c)	Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other...	JH22-001	1/10/2022
192.181(b)	Each regulator station controlling the flow or pressure of gas in a distribution system must have...	JH22-001	1/10/2022
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	JJ23-037	9/20/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On March 25, 2024 Staff was notified of an incident at 2683 Campbellton Road, in Atlanta.

During this investigation the Operator was represented by:
Rick Slagle - Atlanta Gas Light Company- Director, Compliance and Quality Assurance
Ralph McCollum - Principal Compliance Engineer

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jeff Baggett - Lead Inspector
Will Culbreath - GUFPA Case Manager

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

On March 25, 2024, a directional boring crew working for Nextier Infrastructure Solutions struck and damaged an Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) 6-inch plastic gas main while boring to install telecommunication fiber main near 2661 Campbellton Road SW, Atlanta. Escaping gas from the damage migrated to a nearby structure at 2683 Campbellton Road SW, Atlanta (Po Freddie's BBQ Restaurant) and was ignited by an unknown ignition source where a subsequent explosion and fire occurred at the restaurant resulting in significant property damage.

Staff found that there was a valid large project ticket in place. Staff interviewed the excavator who advised that they failed to verify the location of the main before performing their bore.

As a result of this inspection Staff noted no probable violations of the minimum federal safety standards.

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

\$ _____
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:

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

Conference Requested:

- Yes No
- Yes No
- Yes No
- Yes No
- Yes No
- Yes No

\$ _____
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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Informal Conference Requested: Yes No

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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), 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
Southern Company Gas
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*Michelle Thebert, Facilities Protection Unit Director
Georgia Public Service Commission
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Respectfully Submitted this 12th day of May 2025:

Cathy Nesbitt

Cathy Nesbitt, Administrative Assistant
Georgia Public Service Commission
Facilities Protection Unit
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