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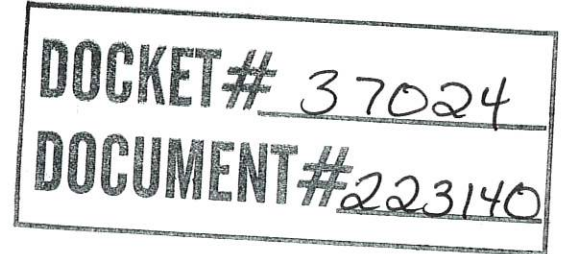
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Docket No. 37024

AGL - Operations and Engineering
Ten Peachtree Place, NE Suite 1000
Location 1365
Atlanta, GA 30309
REF: Incident Inspection # JB24-021



ATTN: Mr. Walt Farrell

On August 5, 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 JB24-021 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: JB24-021

OPERATOR: AGL - Clayton

INVESTIGATOR: Jeff Baggett

INSPECTION DATE: August 5, 2024

REPORT MAILED DATE: June 25, 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 reported incident at Welcome All Road and Fairburn Road

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	AT18-039	9/24/2018

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On August 5, 2024 Staff was notified of an incident at Welcome All Road at Fairburn Road in Atlanta.

During this investigation Staff was represented by Jeff Baggett, Lead Inspector.

The Operator was represented by Ralph McCollum, Lead Compliance Engineer.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this investigation Staff determined that a third-party party excavator (Forever Pacheco Underground, LLC) struck and damaged an Atlanta Gas Light Company (AGLC) 6-inch steel gas main while directionally boring to install telecommunication fiber main near the intersection of Welcome All Road at Fairburn Road SW, Atlanta.

The damage occurred in close proximity of a CSX Railroad Right-of-Way and the railroad company was contacted to stop any trains scheduled to come through at 12:10 hours. At 13:10 hours, it was identified that a Company-established threshold for a significant event had been met because the railroad had been closed for one hour.

Staff determined that the excavator failed to comply with the large project marking agreement

As a result of this investigation 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:

Informal Conference Requested

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Amendment (NOA) | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Concern | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Observed Issue | <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Civil Penalty | \$ _____ | |

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: _____

OPERATOR RESPONSE FORM

Informal Conference Requested: Yes No

Operator Name: ATLANTA GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Docket Number: 37024

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
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*Michelle Thebert, Facilities Protection Unit Director
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Respectfully Submitted this 1st day of July 2025:

Cathy Nesbitt

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