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**Pipeline and
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Administration**

400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Ms. Jodi Gidley
Vice President Gas Operations
Atlanta Gas Light Company
10 Peachtree Place
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: CPF No. 2-2006-3002M

Dear Ms. Gidley:

Enclosed is the Order Directing Amendment issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of inadequate procedures and requires that you amend your operations, maintenance, and emergencies procedures. When the terms of the Order are completed, as determined by the Director, Southern Region, OPS, this enforcement action will be closed. Your receipt of the Order Directing Amendment constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Sincerely,

James Reynolds
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Linda Daugherty, Director, Southern Region, OPS

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, DC 20590**

In the Matter of)

Atlanta Gas Light Company,)

Respondent.)

CPF No. 2-2006-3002M

ORDER DIRECTING AMENDMENT

On August 22-24, 2005, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, representatives of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's Chattanooga Gas Company liquified natural gas (LNG) plant plans and procedures. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Southern Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated January 19, 2006, a Notice of Amendment (NOA). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.237, the NOA alleged inadequacies in Respondent's operations, maintenance, and emergencies procedures and proposed that Respondent amend its procedures.

On February 21, 2006, Respondent requested an extension of time to respond to the Notice. Respondent was granted fourteen days to submit a response to the Notice. Respondent responded to the NOA by letter dated, March 7, 2006 (Response). Respondent submitted amended Operations, Maintenance and Emergencies procedures. Respondent did not contest the NOA and did not request a hearing, consequently Respondent waived its right to one.

The Southern Region reviewed the amended procedures. Respondent addressed five (5) of the eight (8) alleged inadequate procedures cited in the NOA. Although Respondent submitted amended procedures, these procedures do not address all of the inadequacies described in the Notice. Respondent advised that it is in the process of revising the other three inadequate procedures cited in the NOA.

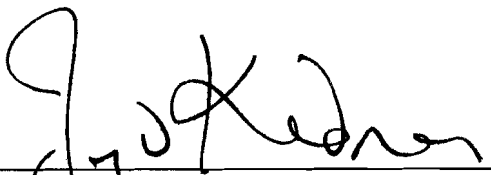
Accordingly, based on the results of this review, I find that Respondent's plant procedures are inadequate to ensure safe operation of its pipeline system. Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.237, Respondent is ordered to make the following revisions to its Operations, Maintenance and Emergencies procedures. Respondent must -

1. Amend procedures to include a definition of safety related conditions, with adequate reporting time requirements and submission requirements that are consistent and in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §§ 193.2605, 191.23 and 191.25.

2. Amend procedures to include a definition of abnormal operating conditions and describe in sufficient details the actions to be taken in response to abnormal operating conditions, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 193.2503.
3. Amend procedures to ensure that your emergency response procedures are consolidated and provide consistent guidance on how to respond to in the event of an emergency, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 193.2509.
4. Submit the amended procedures to the Regional Director, Southern Region, OPS within 30 days following receipt of this Order Directing Amendment.
5. The Regional Director may extend the period for complying with the required items if the Respondent requests an extension and adequately justifies the reasons for the extension.

The terms and conditions of this Order Directing Amendment are effective upon receipt.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$100,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement.

for


Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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Date Issued