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Docket No. 37094

Town of Trion Gas Department
PO Box 850
1220 Pine St
Trion, GA 30753

REF: Methane Emission Plan Inspection # JJ22-040

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Lanny Thomas

On August 3, 2022, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered JJ22-040 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. 37094 in your response.

Please let me know if there are any questions concerning this report at (404) 463-6526 or michellet@psc.state.ga.us. 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: JJ22-040

OPERATOR: Town of Trion Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: August 3, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: September 28, 2022

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

1. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

To perform an inspection of the Operator's methane emission reduction plan for compliance with the Congressional mandate of Section 114 of the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2020.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On August 3, 2022, Staff reported to the Town of Trion Gas Department to perform an inspection of the Operator's Methane Emission Reduction Plan for compliance with the Congressional mandate of Section 114 of the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2020.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Mike Hughes – Gas Superintendent
Jimmy Williams – Gas Technician
Maurice Chaney – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented in person by:
Joe Jones - Lead Inspector
Jeff Baggett – Supervisor, Facilities Protection Unit

At the time of this inspection the Town of Trion had no previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Town of Trion's Natural Gas System Methane Emission Mitigation Plan adopted 12/8/2021. Staff utilized the PHMSA 114 inspection form for gas distribution operators to review the Trion's Methane Emission Plan and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff determined that the Operator incorporated minimum standards and measures into their Methane Emission Plan to reduce methane in their day to day operations.

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.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37094**
Town of Trion Gas Department	)	
Inspection JJ22-040 on August 3, 2022	)	
	)	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the foregoing, and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk. I further certify that the *Town of Trion Gas Department* was served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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Atlanta, GA 30334

*The Honorable Lanny Thomas, Mayor
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*Michelle Thebert, Facilities Protection Unit Director
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Respectfully Submitted this 12th day of October 2022:

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