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Docket No. 37026

City of Bainbridge Gas Department
P. O. Box 158
Bainbridge, GA 39818

REF: Methane Emission Plan Inspection # KR22-025

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Chris Hobby

On June 30, 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 KR22-025 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. 37026 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: KR22-025

OPERATOR: City of Bainbridge Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: June 30, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: October 24, 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 June 23, 2022, Staff reported to the City of Bainbridge 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:
Kevin Maxwell– Bainbridge Gas Department Superintendent
April Crosby – Bainbridge Gas Department Administrative Assistant
Sam Yarley – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented in person by Kenny Rowe, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection the City of Bainbridge had no previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the City of Bainbridge's Natural Gas System Methane Emission Mitigation Plan. Staff utilized the PHMSA 114 inspection Form for gas distribution operators to review the Operators 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. 37026**
City of Bainbridge Gas Department	)	
Inspection KR22-025 on June 30, 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 *City of Bainbridge 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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*Chris Hobby, City Manager
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Respectfully Submitted this 3rd day of ~~October~~ November 2022:

Cathy Nesbitt

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