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Docket No. 37023

DOCKET# 37023
DOCUMENT# 191923

City of Ashburn Gas Department
P. O. Box 766
Ashburn, GA 31714

REF: Methane Emission Plan Inspection # KR22-028

Certified Mail

Regular Mail

Email

Attention: Ms. Sandra Lumpkin

On August 24, 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 KR22-028 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. 37023 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 L. Thebert
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: KR22-028

OPERATOR: City of Ashburn Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: August 24, 2022

REPORT MAILED DATE: October 25, 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 24, 2022, Staff reported to the City of Ashburn 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:
Adam Lavender– Ashburn Gas Department Superintendent
Sam Yarley – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

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

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Ashburn 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:)
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No Violation Report) DOCKET NO. 37023
City of Ashburn Gas Department)
Inspection KR22-028 on August 24, 2022)
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

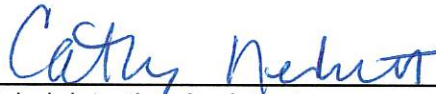
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the foregoing, and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk I further certify that the *Ashburn Gas Department* was served a hard copy of the above-stated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

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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*The Honorable Sandra Lumpkin, Mayor
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Respectfully Submitted this 3rd day of November 2022:



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