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Docket No. 37036

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City of Cochran Gas System
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REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # DL22-012

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Richard Newbern

On February 21, 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 DL22-012 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. 37036 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: DL22-012

OPERATOR: City of Cochran Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: February 21, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 10, 2023

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

1. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

To conduct an inspection of the Operators implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

Cleared on 2/21/2022

| Violation | Description | Inspection# | Date |
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| Consent Agreement Pending | Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director | JH19-052 | 9/30/2019 |
| 192.616(c) | The operator must follow the general program recommendations, including baseline and supplemental... | JJ19-055 | 11/4/2019 |

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On February 16, 2022, Staff requested DIMP information from the City of Cochran Gas to conduct an inspection of the Operators implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P. The information was received on February 17 and 22, 2022. Staff conducted the inspection via electronic information received. Staff began working of filling out the PHMSA form 24 with information supplied/DIMP Plan by City of Cochran. Staff also retrieved ten years of Annual reports/7100.1 from the PHMSA Pipeline Data Mart to complete Part C and D baseline assessments. On March 9-10, 2022 Staff drove to City of Cochran and met with Gas Superintendent to review records.

During this review the Operator was represented by:
Terry Conyer – Gas Systems Operation Contract Manager
Wade Sharpe- SRCS/MGAG- Consultant

Commission Staff was represented by David Lewis, Lead Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Cochran had no previously existing probable violations and one (1) Consent Agreement with the Director. See DL22-011 for details of the Consent Agreement.

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan version 5.1.2 dated December 3, 2020 and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff reviewed City of Cochran's identified threats, accelerated actions, and performance measures for the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Program's current version and preceding versions. Staff also interviewed personnel to verify that DIMP messages were being trained and implemented in the field. Staff reviewed the Operator's annual 7100 reports for 2012 thru 2020 and verified that Parts C and D were filled out and complete. Staff verified that the Operator has documented the following on their work order: • Location • Material type and size • Wall thickness or SDR • Manufacturer • Lot or production number.
Staff conducted this inspection over the phone and by e-mail with the Operator and their consultant. Staff reported to the Operator's location on March 9-10, 2022 to do records and work order inspections, operator qualification field verification Protocol 9 inspections.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff conducted three (3) Protocol nine inspections:

Terry Conyer, Interim Superintendent/Gas Technician for the City of Cochran, performed covered tasks. Staff examined the individual records for Terry Conyer, Interim Superintendent/Gas Technician, before observing the performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for these individuals were current. All tasks were successfully performed according to the operator's procedures.

Terry Conyer, Interim Superintendent/Gas Technician, performed task # 0141 – Visual inspection for AC, qualification good thru 2/8/2024.
Task # 0681 – Joining of PE-stab fitting qualification good thru December 13, 2022.
Task # 0331 Valve-visual inspection and partial operation good thru December 13, 2024.

Mr. Conyer performed these covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

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**

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| **IN THE MATTER OF:** | ) | |
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| **No Violation Report** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 37036** |
| **City of Cochran Gas System** | ) | |
| **Inspection DL22-012 on February 21, 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 *City of Cochran Gas System* was served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

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Respectfully Submitted this 18th day of January 2023:

Cathy Nesbitt

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