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City of Thomasville Utilities Dept.
P. O. Box 1397
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REF: Incident Inspection # JB22-027

ATTN: Mr. Alan Carson

On November 16, 2022 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an investigation of a reported incident involving your natural gas system and found no violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations. The enclosed inspection report numbered JB22-027 is provided for your information and file.

Please note that unless specifically addressed in the attached report, any previously existing probable violations were not addressed during this investigation, and no response is required for those items.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please contact me at (404) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. If you submit a written response to this inspection, please refer to Docket No. 37089.

Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert

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Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JB22-027

OPERATOR: City of Thomasville Utilities Dept.

INVESTIGATOR: Jeff Baggett

INSPECTION DATE: November 16, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 30, 2023

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 investigation of a reported incident at 519 McKinley St in Thomasville GA.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On November 16, 2022 Staff received notification to perform an investigation of a reported incident at 519 McKinley St in Thomasville GA from the PHMSA Accident Investigation Division. Staff did not respond in person this incident.

During this investigation the Operator was represented by Chuck Whitaker, Natural Gas Superintendent.

Staff was represented virtually by Jeff Baggett, Lead Investigator.

STAFFS INVESTIGATION

At 12:33Am on November 16, 2022, the resident at 519 McKinley St in Thomasville, GA reported an odor and sound of hissing of gas directly to the National Response Center. (NRC) The NRC advised the customer to notify their local 911, which they did not do.

At 6:50AM on November 16, 2022, the PHMSA AID notified the Pipeline Safety Supervisor, who contacted Chuck Whitaker with the City of Thomasville. Mr. Whitaker assigned gas technicians to investigate this call and they found that this residence had a riser, but did not have gas service. The Gas Technicians leak surveyed the area and found no leaks. Because the service had never been active it was scheduled to be killed.

Mr. Whitaker advised Staff that this property backs up to a small commercial business which processed lumber products, and they believe that is the smell and noise the resident reported.

As a result of this inspection Staff noted no probable violations of the minimum federal safety standards.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37089**
City of Thomasville Utilities Department	)	
Inspection JB22-027 on November 16, 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 Thomasville Utilities Department* 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 7th day of February 2023:

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