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Docket No. 37034

City of Sylvester Gas System
101 North Main St
Sylvester, GA 31791

ATTN: Mr. Autron Hayes

On July 7, 2022 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an informal conference as requested by the gas operator. The enclosed inspection report numbered AT22-032 is provided for your information and file.

Please submit a written response outlining the proposed mitigation measures to this inspection as specified in the attached report by U.S. Mail or e-mailing me at michellet@psc.state.ga.us. Please refer to Docket No. 37034 in your response.

Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert
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Director, Office of Pipeline/Facilities Safety

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: AT22-032

OPERATOR: City of Sylvester Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Alan Towe

INSPECTION DATE: July 7, 2022 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 31, 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 informal conference with the City of Sylvester as requested in regard to Inspection Number AT18-007.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.467(d)	Inspection and electrical tests must be made to assure that electrical isolation is adequate.	AT18-007	1/30/2018
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	AT19-049	12/3/2019

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On July 7, 2022, Staff conducted an informal conference with the City of Sylvester as requested in regard to Inspection Number AT18-007.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Kendra Wise – Office Manger
Tyree McGee – Utility Director
Joe Bratcher – Gas Technician
Charlie King – Gas Technician
Bill Defoor – MGAG/SRCS Consultant
Sam Yarley – MGAG/SRCS Consultant

Commission Staff was represented in person by:
Michelle Thebert – Facilities Protection Director
Jeff Baggett – Facilities Protection Supervisor
Alan Towe – Pipeline Safety Inspector/Inspector
Jack Hewitt – Pipeline Safety Inspector

During this meeting, the Operator discussed possible mitigative measures for the proposed civil penalties in Inspection Number AT18-007. Staff advised that it would consider any measures which went beyond the minimum requirements that the Operator was already required to perform.

Staff directed the Operator to submit their proposals for mitigation of the proposed civil penalties in writing no later than 14 days following this meeting. The Operator was advised that if their proposals were found to be acceptable, they would be provided with a constant agreement to review which would address the mitigation of the proposed civil penalty and the measures required to address the probable violations.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
Informal Conference Letter	)	**DOCKET NO. 37034**
City of Sylvester Gas System	)	
Inspection AT22-032 on July 7, 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 Sylvester Gas System* 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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*Autron Hayes, City Manager
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Respectfully Submitted this 7th day of February 2023:

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