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Docket No. 37070

City of Monroe Natural Gas Department
P. O. Box 725
Monroe, GA 30655

REF: Construction Inspection # KR22-032

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Logan Propes

On October 4, 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 KR22-032 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. 37070 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: KR22-032

OPERATOR: City of Monroe Natural Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: October 4, 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 conduct an inspection of the Operators construction project for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.703(b)	Each segment of pipeline that becomes unsafe must be replaced, repaired, or removed from service.	DL18-029	8/8/2018
515-9-3-.09	Response Options Open to the Operator	JS20-033	9/14/2020

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From October 4th thru October 6th, 2022 Staff reported to the City of Monroe's Service territory located in Northeast Georgia, in the City of Bishop to conduct a field inspection of the Operator's construction site. The City of Monroe Gas Department is installing a 4 inch Drisocoplex distribution pipeline for a main extension project located on Chandler Rd. in Bishop, GA.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by Randy Crowe, City of Monroe Gas Crew Supervisor.

Staff was represented by Kenny Rowe, Lead Pipeline Safety Inspector.

At the time of this inspection the City Monroe was under two (2) previously existing probable violation. These violations were not reviewed at the time of this inspection.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Monroe's construction project specifications for the 4 inch plastic pipe installation on Chandler Road in Bishop GA. This project consisted of installing roughly 7000ft of 4 inch PE plastic main from the intersection at Old Monroe Madison Road heading North on Chandler Road for future residential customers and for chicken houses. Staff reviewed the materials being used, excavation for the pipe, damage prevention procedures, and qualification records along with an operator qualification field inspection on personnel performing construction tasks.

During this inspection, Staff conducted OQ Protocol 9 field verification inspections to ensure that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate Operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were available at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed crew members from the City of Monroe's Gas Department conduct OQ Protocol 9 field Task. Staff verified that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate Operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were available at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written. During the field evaluations, Staff observed Gas Tech Riley Phillips correctly perform the task of "Joining Plastic Pipe Butt Fusion", Mr. Phillips qualifications are current thru 8/26/2023. Staff also observed Adam Gordon correctly perform the task of "Installation of Plastic Pipe in a Ditch", Mr. Gordon's qualifications are current thru 6/4/2024. Staff also noted that the individuals were cognizant of abnormal operating conditions that could be encountered with the task performed.

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. 37070**
City of Monroe Natural Gas Department	)	
Inspection KR22-032 on October 4, 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 Monroe Natural Gas 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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