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Docket No. 37070

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

REF: Methane Emission Plan Inspection # RS22-021

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Logan Propes

On June 28, 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 RS22-021 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) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. 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: RS22-021

OPERATOR: City of Monroe Natural Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Brant Sweat

INSPECTION DATE: June 28, 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 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

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

On June 28th, 2022, Staff reported to the City of Monroe Gas 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:
Brian Pittman – Gas Supervisor
Matthew Peters – Regulatory Compliance
Bruce Bagnasco - MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented in person by Brant Sweat, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection the City of Monroe had Two (2) previously existing probable violations. These violations were not discussed at the time of this inspection.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the City of Monroe' 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.

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:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37070**
City of Monroe Natural Gas Department	)	
Inspection RS22-021 on June 28, 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.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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Respectfully Submitted this 1st day of February 2023:

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