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Tri-County Natural Gas Authority
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RE: Inspection Report JB23-004

Dear Mr. Lanier Rhodes -

Based on review of Tri-County Natural Gas Authority's response, discussions with Pipeline Safety Staff and/or Operator, and/or any additional information provided for Inspection Report JB22-001, I have cleared the following Enforcement Actions:

Violation	Description	Inspection#
192.465(a)	Each pipeline that is under cathodic protection must be tested at least once each calendar year...	JB22-001
192.491(c)	Each operator shall maintain a record of each test, survey, or inspection required by this sub...	JB22-001
192.517(a)	Each operator shall make, and retain for the useful life of the pipeline, a record of each test...	JB22-001

Any new or continuing Enforcement Action(s) not listed above will be addressed during the Operator's future inspection. No action is required by Tri-County Natural Gas Authority at this time.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence at (404) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert
Director, Office of Pipeline/Facilities Safety

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JB23-004

OPERATOR: Tri-County Natural Gas Authority

INVESTIGATOR: Jeff Baggett

INSPECTION DATE: January 30, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: April 27, 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 a review of the Operators response to Inspection Number JB22-001

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.619(a)	No person may operate a segment of steel or plastic pipeline at a pressure that exceeds a maximum...	JS18-042	12/17/2018
191.11	Distribution system: Annual report.	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.747(a)	Each valve, the use of which may be necessary for the safe operation of a distribution system, m...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.615(c)	Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.723(b)(1)	A leakage survey with leak detector equipment must be conducted in business districts, including...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.181(a)	Each high-pressure distribution system must have valves spaced so as to reduce the time to...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.605(b)(9)	Taking adequate precautions in excavated trenches to protect personnel from the hazards of unsafe...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.721(b)	Mains in places or on structures where anticipated physical movement or external loading could...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.615(a)(8)	Notifying appropriate fire, police, and other public officials of gas pipeline emergencies and...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.455 (e)	Aluminum may not be installed in a buried or submerged pipeline if that aluminum is exposed to an...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.479(b)	Coating material must be suitable for the prevention of atmospheric corrosion.	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.615(a)(6)	Emergency shutdown and pressure reduction in any section of the operator's pipeline system neces...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.615(a)(4)	The availability of personnel, equipment, tools, and materials, as needed at the scene of an...	JB22-001	3/7/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

Cleared on 1/30/2023

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.465(a)	Each pipeline that is under cathodic protection must be tested at least once each calendar year...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.517(a)	Each operator shall make, and retain for the useful life of the pipeline, a record of each test...	JB22-001	3/7/2022
192.491(c)	Each operator shall maintain a record of each test, survey, or inspection required by this sub...	JB22-001	3/7/2022

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

CLEARING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS LETTER

NOPV's for 192.465(a) / 192.491(c) / 192.517 can be cleared.

NOA's for all others are continuing.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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Cleared Violation Letter	)	**DOCKET NO. 37093**
Tri – County Natural Gas Authority	)	
Inspection JB23-004 on January 30, 2023	)	
	)	

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 *Tri-County Natural Gas* 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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*The Honorable Lanier Rhodes, Mayor
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Respectfully Submitted this 2nd day of May 2023:

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