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Docket No. 37071

City of Monticello Gas Department
P. O. Box 269
Monticello, GA 31064

REF: Follow Up Inspection # KR23-002

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Ms. LaThaydra Sands

On January 11, 2023, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection Office conducted an on-site inspection of your gas system and found that previously identified probable violation(s) of the Pipeline Safety Regulations have either been cleared or are continuing, as identified below.

- ☒ Previously existing probable violation(s) has/have been cleared.
- ☐ Previously existing probable violation(s) still exist.
- ☐ Additional Enforcement
  - ☐ Notice of Proposed Violation
  - ☐ Notice of Proposed Violation with Proposed Civil Penalty
  - ☐ Warning Letter
  - ☐ Letter of Concern
  - ☐ Observed Issue
- ☐ Consent Agreement Pending

The enclosed inspection report numbered KR23-002 is provided for your information and file.

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. 37071 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: KR23-002

OPERATOR: City of Monticello Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: January 11, 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 conduct a follow-up inspection of the Operators previously existing probable violations.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

Cleared on 1/11/2023

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
199.117	Recordkeeping	DL20-005	2/18/2020
40.33	What training requirements must a collector meet?	DL20-005	2/18/2020
40.281	Who is qualified to act as a SAP?	DL20-005	2/18/2020
199.105(c)	Random Testing	DL20-005	2/18/2020
40.213(g)	What training requirements must STTs and BATs meet? Documentation.	DL20-005	2/18/2020

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

SEE ATTACHED INSPECTION REPORT

CITY OF MONTICELLO/ FOLLOW UP
INSPECTION NUMBER KR23-002 / DOCKET NUMBER 37071

On January 15th, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Monticello to perform a Follow Up inspection of the Operator's previously existing probable violations.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Robbie Colvin– Monticello Gas Superintendent
Wade Sharpe– MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)
Lori Lamberth- MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Kenny Rowe– Lead Inspector
Brant Sweat – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Monticello was under five (5) previously existing probable violations. Staff reviewed these probable violations with the Operator and determined that:

PROBABLE VIOLATIONS

1. In regard to the probable violation of 49CFR §40.33 which was cited in Inspection Number DL20-005; in that inspection Staff stated that: Operator could not demonstrate that their urine specimen collector meets all requirements of §40.33.

   OPERATOR RESPONSE: In their response letter to Inspection Number DL20-005 dated September 30, 2020, the Operator Stated: Monticello now has the certification for its current urine specimen collector. Further, Monticello will join a drug and alcohol testing consortium to ensure consistent compliance with this requirement in the future and will have required certificates in hand by October 30, 2020.

   FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: During this inspection Staff determined that the Operator has joined a drug and alcohol consortium by reviewing bills paid to the consortium membership. Staff also collected a copy to the current urine specimen collector's certification.

   Staff determined that this probable violation can be cleared at this time.

2. In regard to the probable violation of 49CFR §40.281 which was cited in Inspection Number DL20-005; in that inspection Staff stated that: Operator could not demonstrate that their SAP meets all requirements of §40.281.

   OPERATOR RESPONSE: In their response letter to Inspection Number DL20-005 dated September 30, 2020, the Operator Stated: Monticello will join a drug and alcohol testing consortium to ensure consistent compliance with this requirement in the future and will have required certificates in hand by October 30, 2020.

   FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: During this inspection Staff determined that the Operator has joined a drug and alcohol consortium by reviewing bills paid to the consortium membership.

   Staff determined that this probable violation can be cleared at this time.

3. In regard to the probable violation of 49CFR §40.213 which was cited in Inspection Number DL20-005; in that inspection Staff stated that: The Operator could not demonstrate that their BAT and

STT meet all of the requirements of §40.213, or that they were currently certified by Georgia POST to perform alcohol testing.

OPERATOR RESPONSE: In their response letter to Inspection Number DL20-005 dated September 30, 2020, the Operator Stated: Monticello now has the required Georgia POST certification for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, which would perform alcohol testing, if necessary. Further, Monticello will join a drug and alcohol testing consortium to ensure consistent compliance with this requirement in the future and will have required certificates in hand by October 30, 2020.

FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: During this inspection Staff collected copies of the BAT and STT certifications. Also, Staff determined that the Operator has Joined a drug and alcohol consortium by reviewing bills paid to the consortium membership.

Staff determined that this probable violation can be cleared at this time.

4. In regard to the probable violation of 49CFR §199.117 which was cited in Inspection Number DL20-005; in that inspection Staff stated that: The Operator performed random testing, but they did perform the testing in accordance with their procedures.

   OPERATOR RESPONSE: In their response letter to Inspection Number DL20-005 dated September 30, 2020, the Operator Stated: Monticello will join a drug and alcohol testing consortium to ensure consistent compliance with this requirement in the future and will have required certificates in hand by October 30, 2020.

   FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: During this inspection Staff determined that the Operator has joined a drug and alcohol consortium by reviewing bills paid to the consortium membership.

   Staff determined that this probable violation can be cleared at this time.

5. In regard to the probable violation of 49CFR §199.105 which was cited in Inspection Number DL20-005; in that inspection Staff stated that: Operator could not demonstrate that random drug testing has been conducted as required under §199.105(c) for CY2017.

   OPERATOR RESPONSE: In their response letter to Inspection Number DL20-005 dated September 30, 2020, the Operator Stated: Monticello will join a drug and alcohol testing consortium to ensure consistent compliance with this requirement in the future and will have required certificates in hand by October 30, 2020.

   FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: During this inspection Staff determined that the Operator has joined a drug and alcohol consortium by reviewing bills paid to the consortium membership.

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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Cleared Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37071**
City of Monticello Gas Department	)	
Inspection KR23-002 on January 11, 2023	)	
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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 Monticello 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 2nd day of May 2023:

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