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Docket No. 37063

City of Lawrenceville Gas Dept.
P. O. Box 2200
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # KR23-012

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Chuck Warbington

On March 27, 2023, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered KR23-012 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. 37063 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: KR23-012

OPERATOR: City of Lawrenceville Gas Dept.

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: March 27, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: May 11, 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 implementation of its Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.603(c)	General - The Associate Administrator or the State Agency that has submitted a current...	JB22-003	3/8/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On March 27, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Lawrenceville Gas Department to perform an inspection of the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP) Implementation and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Todd Hardigree – Gas Director
Kyle Hamby – Gas Regulatory Compliance
Josh Morris – Gas Asst. Director
Tim Franklin – SRCS/MGAG (consultant)

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

The Operator has one existing violation and requested an Informal Conference. Following the conference, this violation is under review.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan version 4.1.2. Staff reviewed the Operator's DIMP procedures and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff reviewed City of Lawrenceville Gas Department's identified threats, accelerated actions, baseline measures, and performance measures for the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Program's current version and preceding versions.

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the Operator's annual 7100 reports for 2012 through 2022. Staff verified that the Operator has documented the following on their work orders: • Location • Material type and size • Wall thickness or SDR • Manufacturer • Lot or production number.

During this inspection, Staff conducted three Operator Qualification 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 present at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

Zach Wilson, Gas Service Crew Leader for the City of Lawrenceville performed Task #0141 – Visual Inspection for Atmospheric Corrosion, Qualified through 01/11/24. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

Hunter Byron, Gas Service Technician for the City of Lawrenceville performed Task #0301 – Manually Opening and Closing Valves, qualified through 12/15/25. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

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:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37063**
City of Lawrenceville Gas Department	)	
Inspection KR23-012 on March 27, 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 *City of Lawrenceville 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 16th day of May 2023:

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