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City of Perry Gas System
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ATTN: Mr. Lee Gilmour

On February 7, 2023 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an informal conference as requested by the gas operator. The enclosed inspection report numbered JB23-005 is provided for your information and file.

Please submit a written response outlining the proposed mitigation measures to this inspection as specified in the attached report by U.S. Mail or e-mailing me at michellet@psc.state.ga.us. Please refer to Docket No. 37076 in your response.

Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert

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Director, Office of Pipeline/Facilities Safety

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## REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JB23-005

OPERATOR: City of Perry Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Jeff Baggett

INSPECTION DATE: February 7, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: July 10, 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 informal conference with the City of Perry regarding the probable violations and proposed civil penalties from Inspection Number JB22-004.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

| Violation | Description | Inspection# | Date |
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| 192.747(a) | Each valve, the use of which may be necessary for the safe operation of a distribution system, m... | JB22-004 | 4/18/2022 |
| 192.747(b) | Each operator must take prompt remedial action to correct any valve found inoperable, unless the... | JB22-004 | 4/18/2022 |
| 192.181(b) | Each regulator station controlling the flow or pressure of gas in a distribution system must have... | JB22-004 | 4/18/2022 |
| 192.181(a) | Each high-pressure distribution system must have valves spaced so as to reduce the time to... | JB22-004 | 4/18/2022 |
| 192.285(d) | Each operator shall establish a method to determine that each person making joints in... | JB22-004 | 4/18/2022 |
| 192.615(a)(6) | Emergency shutdown and pressure reduction in any section of the operator's pipeline system neces... | JB22-004 | 4/18/2022 |
| Consent Agreement Pending | Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director | JB22-015 | 7/11/2022 |

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On February 7, 2023, Commission Staff conducted an informal conference with the City of Perry as requested in their response to Inspection Number JB22-004

During this informal conference the Operator was represented by:
Ansley Fitzner – Perry Public Works Superintendent
Robert Smith – Perry Assistant City Manager
Robbie Miller – ESG Gas Manager
Danny Lyndall – ESG VP of Operations
Joshua Lairsey – ESG Corporate Compliance
Jessica Wheeler – ESG Compliance Manager
Travis Falcione – ESG Project Manager
Joshua Thigpen – ESG Gas Supervisor
Bill Defoor – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)
Wade Sharpe – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Michelle Thebert - Director, Facilities Protection Unit
Jeff Baggett - Supervisor, Facilities Protection Unit
Daniel Clemmons – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Jack Hewitt – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Daphne Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Joe Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
David Lewis – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Kenny Rowe – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Jason Smith - Pipeline Safety Inspector
Brant Sweat – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Alan Towe – Pipeline Safety Inspector

During this meeting, the Operator discussed possible mitigative measures for the proposed civil penalties in Inspection Number JB22-004. Staff advised that it would consider any measures which went beyond the minimum requirements that the Operator was already required to perform.

During this informal conference the Operator advised that they believe they have addressed most, if not all of the remaining six (6) violations. Staff requested that the Operator schedule a follow-up inspection with the Lead Inspector to see if these violations can be cleared.

Staff directed the Operator to submit their proposals for mitigation of the proposed civil penalties in writing no later than 14 days following the follow-up inspection with the lead inspector. The Operator was advised that if their proposals were found to be acceptable, they would be provided with a consent agreement to review which would address the mitigation of the proposed civil penalty and the measures required to address the probable violations.

**BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

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| **IN THE MATTER OF:** | ) | |
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| **Informal Conference** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 37076** |
| **City of Perry Gas System** | ) | |
| **Inspection JB23-005 on February 7, 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 Perry Gas System* 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 13th day of July 2023:

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