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Docket No. 37070

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

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # KR23-008

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Logan Propes

On February 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 KR23-008 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

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Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: KR23-008

OPERATOR: City of Monroe Natural Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Kenny Rowe

INSPECTION DATE: February 27, 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 inspection of the Operators implementation of their 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
515-9-3-.09	Response Options Open to the Operator	JS20-033	9/14/2020

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

Cleared on 2/27/2023

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

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

SEE ATTACHED INSPECTION REPORT

CITY OF MONROE/ DIMP IMPLEMENTATION
INSPECTION NUMBER KR23-008/ DOCKET NUMBER 37070

From February 26th to 27th, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Monroe 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:
Bryan Pittman – Gas Superintendent
Matthew Peters – Gas Regulatory Compliance
Bruce Bagnasco – SRCS/MGAG (consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection the City of Monroe Gas System was under one (1) previously existing probable violation. This violation will be addressed under Follow-Up Inspection Number KR23-007.

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 Monroe 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 2017 thru 2022 which indicated that no new facilities were installed during this period. 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.

OBSERVED ISSUE

As a result of this inspection Staff observed the following issues:

Inspection form question #35: Mechanical Fitting Failures - Information Collection (Reporting) Did the operator report all mechanical fitting failures that resulted in a hazardous leak for the previous calendar year to PHMSA and State authorities, as appropriate, by March 15th of the next calendar year, and did the reports contain the information required by Department of Transportation Form PHMSA F-7100.1-2?

OBSERVED ISSUE: The Operator internally collected the data from a mechanical fitting (dresser coupling) failure in 2019 that resulted in a hazardous leak that was not reported on the PHMSA F-7100.1.2 form. PHMSA removed the requirement to report these failures in 2021.

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.

Riley Phillips, Gas Service Technician for the City of Monroe performed Task #0681– Joining of Plastic Pipe, Stab Fitting, qualified thru 08/26/2026. 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.

Billy Crowe, Gas Service Crew Leader for the City of Monroe performed Task #0141 – Visual Inspection for Atmospheric Corrosion, Qualified thru 11/12/2023. 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.

Chandler Byron, Gas Service Technician for the City of Monroe performed Task #0301 – Manually Opening and Closing Valves, qualified thru 12/02/2024. 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:	)	
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Observed Issue	)	**DOCKET NO. 37070**
City of Monroe Natural Gas Department	)	
Inspection KR23-008 on February 27, 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 Monroe Natural 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 13TH day of July 2023:

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