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Docket No. 37046

City of Donalsonville Gas System
P. O. Box 308
Donalsonville, GA 39845

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # AT23-006

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jeffrey S. Hatcher

On January 24, 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 AT23-006 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. 37046 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: AT23-006

OPERATOR: City of Donalsonville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Alan Towe

INSPECTION DATE: January 24, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: November 6, 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
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	AT23-005	1/19/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From January 23 to 24, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Donalsonville to perform an inspection of the Operator's implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Bert Adams – Utility Director
Peter Schultz – Consultant (Harp & Associates)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Alan Towe – Lead Inspector
David Lewis – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Donalsonville had two (2) previously existing probable violations. These violations will be addressed under Review of Operator Response Inspection Number AT23-005.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the City of Donalsonville Distribution Integrity Management Program to ensure the Operator has implemented their program accordingly utilizing the PHMSA Distribution Integrity Management Implementation inspection form. Staff reviewed City of Donalsonville's 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 also conducted three (3) Protocol nine Operator Qualification field inspections on Mr. Robert McMillan and Mr. Kevin Davis for the following covered tasks:
1. 0641 - Visually Inspect Pipe and Components Prior to Installation.
2. 0681 – Joining of Plastic Pipe – Stab Fittings.
3. 0301 – Manually Opening and Closing Valves.

Staff found that Operators qualification records were up to date and no issues were found during this field observation.

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. 37046**
City of Donalsonville Gas System	)	
Inspection AT23-006 on January 24, 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 Donalsonville 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 9th day of November 2023:

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