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Docket No. 37038

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DOCUMENT # 216300

City of Commerce Gas System
P. O. Box 348 27 Sycamore Street
Commerce, GA 30529

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # DJ23-004

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. James Wascher

On January 26, 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 DJ23-004 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. 37038 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: DJ23-004

OPERATOR: City of Commerce Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: January 26, 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
Under Consent Agreement	Operator is under a Consent Agreement.	DJ23-003	1/25/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From January 26-30, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Commerce's Gas Department to perform an inspection of the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP) Implementation for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

From February 20-21, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Commerce Gas System to complete Follow-up inspection, perform Protocol 9 field inspections, and conduct exit meeting with the Operator and City Manager.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
James Wascher – Commerce City Manager
Lonnie Robinson – Commerce Gas Utility Director
Sammy Bachman – Maintenance Technician/Field Supervisor
Richard Elrod – Gas Service Technician
Bruce Bagnasco - MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Daphne Jones – Lead Inspector
Joe Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Daniel Clemmons – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Commerce Gas System was under eight (8) previously existing probable violations and eleven (11) Consent Agreement items. These violation(s) will be addressed under Follow-Up Inspection Number DJ23-003.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan version 5.1.1 with an effective date of 8/13/2020. Staff reviewed the Operator's DIMP procedures and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff reviewed City of Commerce'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 reviewed the Operator's annual 7100 reports for 2012 through 2021 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.

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.

Lonnie Robinson, Gas Utility Director for the City of Commerce, performed Task #1291 Locate Underground Pipelines, qualified 5/16/2022 through 5/9/2023. 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.

Sammy Bachman, Maintenance Technician/Field Supervisor for the City of Commerce, performed Task #0101 Inspect Rectifier and Obtain Readings, qualified 10/8/2022 through 10/4/2027. 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.

Richard Elrod, Gas Service Technician for the City of Commerce, performed Task #1231 Inside Gas Leak Investigation qualified 4/24/2021 through 4/23/2024, and Task #1241 Outside Gas Leak Investigation qualified 4/28/2021 through 4/23/2024. 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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No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37038**
City of Commerce Gas System	)	
Inspection DJ23-004 on January 26, 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 Commerce Gas System 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 9th day of November 2023:

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