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Docket No. 37019

City of Adel Gas Department
P. O. Box 1530
Adel, GA 31620

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # AT23-016

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Mark Barber

On February 21, 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 AT23-016 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. 37019 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 L. Thebert
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: AT23-016

OPERATOR: City of Adel Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Alan Towe

INSPECTION DATE: February 21, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 10, 2024

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	DJ19-063	12/4/2019
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	AT23-015	2/16/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On February 21, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Adel to perform an inspection of the Operator's implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Denny Roberts – Gas Superintendent
Peter Schultz – Harp & Associates (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Alan Towe – Lead Inspector
Jack Hewitt – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Adel had five (5) previously existing probable violations. These violations will be addressed under Review of Operator Response Inspection Number AT23-015.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the City of Adel's 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 Adel'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. Patrick Stafford for the following covered tasks:
1. 0151 - Visually Inspection of Pipeline When Exposed.
2. 1301 – 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.

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37019**
City of Adel Gas Department	)	
Inspection AT23-016 on February 21, 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 Adel Gas 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 31st day of January 2024

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