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Docket No. 37029

City of Buford Gas System
2300 Buford Highway
Buford, GA 30518

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # AT23-036

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Bryan Kerlin

On September 11, 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 AT23-036 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. 37029 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: AT23-036

OPERATOR: City of Buford Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Alan Towe

INSPECTION DATE: September 11, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: January 31, 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 Operator's operator qualification (OQ) program for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192, SubPart N.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On September 13, 2023, Commission Staff reported to the City of Buford Gas Department to conduct an Operator Qualification inspection and Protocol 9 field inspection for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During the inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Jason Higgins – Program Coordinator
Leroy Kellam – Administrative Assistant
Alex Philmon - Administrative Assistant
Tim Franklin – Consultant SRCS/MGAG
Bruce Bagnasco – Consultant SRCS/MGAG

Commission Staff was represented by:
Alan Towe - Lead Inspector
Jack Hewitt – Inspector
Jason Smith - Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Buford Gas Department had no previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff conducted a review of the Operator's Qualifications to ensure that the Operator had and followed a written qualification program, 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 qualified and adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

Also, Staff performed an O.Q. Protocol 9 field inspection on the following individuals: Mr. Justin Cardoza, and Mr. Sebastian Vines for the following covered tasks:

1. Task #1011 – External Coating Application and Repair.
2. Task #0561 – Pressure Testing
3. Task #0641 – Visually Inspecting Pipe Prior To Installation

Staff found that the employees' qualification records were up to date and no issues were found during the field observations.

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. 37029**
City of Buford Gas System	)	
Inspection AT23-036 on September 11, 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 Buford 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 16th day of February 2024:

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