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Docket No. 37070

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

REF: DIMP (Annual Review) Inspection # RS23-002

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Logan Propes

On February 6, 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 RS23-002 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

Michelle L. Thebert
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: RS23-002

OPERATOR: City of Monroe Natural Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Brant Sweat

INSPECTION DATE: February 6, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 7, 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 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
192.703(b)	Each segment of pipeline that becomes unsafe must be replaced, repaired, or removed from service.	DL18-029	8/8/2018
515-9-3-.09	Response Options Open to the Operator	JS20-033	9/14/2020

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On February 6th, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Monroe Gas Department to perform an Annual Review of their Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) as required under the PHMSA State Programs Guidelines.

During this review the Operator was represented by:
Brian Pittman – Gas Superintendent
Matthew Peters – Regulatory Compliance
Bruce Bagnasco – MGAG/SRCS (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 Department had One (1) previously existing probable violations. Because this inspection was specifically to perform a review of the Operators DIMP program Staff did not review this item.

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the information provided by the Operator and found that their DIMP Plan was last reviewed on February 6th, 2023. Staff then discussed the following items with Monroe representatives:

1. Top 10 Identified Risk/Threats
2. 2012 - 2022 PHMSA 7100 – Part C Leak Data
3. 2022 PHMSA 7100 – Part D Excavation Damage Data
4. 2022 Business District leak survey numbers.
5. Monroe moved to new version of SHRIMP 3 in Year 2022.
6. Monroe base line for 10 years is 1.57 per 1000 locate tickets.
7. Grade Leaks; Monroe repairs all leaks when found in their system.
8. Cast Iron; Per Monroe, no cast iron in their system.
9. Master Meters; Monroe has no master meters
10. Blasting Area; Monroe has not had any blasting areas; No leaks due to blasting.
11. Monroe is a member of GPERI and Georgia 811 Program.
12. Monroe has had corrosion in the pass 10 years on main.
13. Monroe DIMP plan address cross bore, directional drilling and auger. Monroe has been tracking cross bores on the baseline spread sheet since 2018 and have had none.

Staff recommended that The City of Monroe try and find documentation to break down damages for 2012 and 2013. Staff did not do Protocol 9s for this inspection due to the Dimp Imp Inspection that was scheduled within the next 2 weeks.

This concludes Staff's Annual Review of Monroe's Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP). Please contact the Director of Pipeline Safety if you have any questions or concerns at 404-985-4271 or michellet@psc.state.ga.us.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37070**
City of Monroe Natural Gas Department	)	
Inspection RS23-002 on February 6 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 14th day of February 2024:

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