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Docket No. 38118

DOCKET# 38118
DOCUMENT# 217459

Fort Valley Housing Authority
108 Anderson Avenue
Fort Valley, GA 31030-4142

REF: Comprehensive Inspection # DJ23-023

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Eric Rumph

On July 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 DJ23-023 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. 38118 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

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: DJ23-023

OPERATOR: Fort Valley Housing Authority

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: July 6, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 8, 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 a comprehensive inspection of the Operators plans, programs, procedures, pipeline, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards in 49CFR Parts 191 and 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From July 17 through July 20, 2023, Staff reported to the Fort Valley Housing Authority (Master Meter) to perform a comprehensive inspection on the Operator's manual, plans, records, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards and conducted Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Eric Rumph - Executive Director, FV Housing Authority
Edith Smith – Office Manager, FV Housing Authority
Paul (Daniel) Arrington – Maintenance Technician
Peter Schultz - Harp & Associates (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 Fort Valley Housing Authority was under no previously existing probable violations.

The Fort Valley Housing Authority distribution system receives gas from the Southern Natural Gas Company's main transmission lines which are in Peach County, Fort Valley, GA. The Fort Valley Housing Authority gas system receives gas at its Master Meters) (2– Locations- 1@ Tabor Circle near 203 Hunt St—1@ Young Homes near 512 Warwick Ave.) The FT. Valley Housing Authority receives odorized gas from the City of Fort Valley.

NO PROBABLE VIOLATION

During this inspection Staff performed a comprehensive inspection of the Operator's written operations and maintenance procedures, records, and gas facilities for compliance with 49 CFR Parts 191 and 192, and the GPSC rules for safe operation of a natural gas distribution system.

During the field evaluation, Staff observed the Operator's personnel perform three protocol 9 inspections in Fort Valley, GA. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for Paul Daniel Arrington to perform covered tasks. Staff examined the individual records before observing the performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for this individual were current.

Paul Daniel Arrington, Maintenance Technician for the Fort Valley Housing Authority, performed Task #1001 Coating Application and Repair, qualified 01/30/2023 through 01/29/2026, Task #0301 – Manually Opening and Closing Valves, qualified 07/27/2022 through 07/26/2023, and Task #1231 Leak Investigation – Inside Gas leak, Investigation qualified 09/22/2022 through 09/21/2025. 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:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 38118**
Fort Valley Housing Authority	)	
Inspection DJ23-023 on July 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 *Fort Valley Housing Authority* 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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