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Docket No. 37101

City of Winder Gas Department
P. O. Box 566
Winder, GA 30680

REF: Construction Inspection # RS23-001

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. David Maynard

On January 1, 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 RS23-001 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. 37101 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: RS23-001

OPERATOR: City of Winder Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Brant Sweat

INSPECTION DATE: January 1, 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 construction project for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On Jan 3, 4 and 5, 17, 19 and Feb 8, 9 and 13, Staff reported to the City of Winder service territory to conduct a field inspection of the Operator's construction project. Harrison and Harrison were installing a 4" inch Drisocoplex distribution pipeline to extend for houses already established on the street and to Rocky Point Subdivision for approximately 50 more services.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Ted Tillery – City of Winder Construction Supervisor
Billy Skinner – City of Winder Compliance Supervisor
Wes Morris – Gas Foreman, Harrison and Harrison
Bruce Bagnasco – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Staff was represented by:
Brant Sweat - Lead Pipeline Safety Inspector
Kenny Rowe – Pipeline Safety Inspector

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Winder's construction project specifications for the 4-inch PE service installation project in Rocky Point Subdivision. This project consisted of installing 4000 ft of 4-inch PE plastic pipe to extend to approximately 50 residential houses, also Harrison and Harrison made bores under the road to get to the destination. Staff reviewed the materials being used, excavation for the pipe, damage prevention procedures, and qualification records along with an operator qualification field inspection on personnel performing construction tasks.

During this inspection, Staff conducted OQ 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 available at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed Harrison and Harrison workers to conduct OQ Protocol 9 field evaluations. Staff verified that covered tasks were being performed in accordance with appropriate Operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were available at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed Wes Morris performing the Task of Backfilling on 4" plastic; qualification verified current until 02/17/2024. Staff also observed Deraldo Marano performing the Task of 4" Butt Fusion and Inspection of plastic pipe; Qualification current until 08/03/2024.

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. 37101**
City of Winder Gas Department	)	
Inspection RS23-001 on January 1, 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 Winder Gas Department* 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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*The Honorable David Maynard, Mayor
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Respectfully Submitted this 14th day of February 2024:

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