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City of Dublin Gas System
P. O. Box 690
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REF: 199 Inspection # DC23-035

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Josh Powell

On November 20, 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 DC23-035 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. 37048 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: DC23-035

OPERATOR: City of Dublin Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Daniel Clemmons

INSPECTION DATE: November 20, 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 an inspection of the Operators anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From November 20-21, 2023, Commission Staff reported to the City of Dublin Gas System to conduct an inspection of the Operator's Drug and Alcohol misuse plan for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192, Subpart N. Staff conducted an exit interview on November 21, 2023.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Verlinda Chatman– HR/Dedicated Employee Representative (DER)
Brad Grimes – Gas Superintendent
Josh Loyd – Sr. Compliance Officer
Eric Kates – Gas Field Supervisor
Tim Franklin – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Daniel Clemmons – Lead Inspector
Joseph Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Dublin Gas System had no previous previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the City of Dublin natural gas system drug & alcohol plan and records for compliance with Part 199 & 40 of the Pipeline Safety Regulations. Staff examined the operator's policies, provisions for education and training, drug, and alcohol testing, and when needed, referral for evaluation and treatment.

During the field evaluation, Staff observed the Operator's personnel perform three Protocol 9 inspections in Laurens County. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for Jason Amerson, Kenneth R. Scott, and Bryant McLendon to perform covered tasks. Staff examined the individual records before observing the performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for these individuals were current.

Jason Amerson, Gas Distribution Technician for the City of Dublin Gas System, performed Task #1231– Inside Leak Gas Investigation, qualified 3/25/2021 through 3/25/2024. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform these covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

Kenneth R. Scott, Gas Distribution Technician for the City of Dublin Gas System, performed Task #1241– Outside Leak Gas Investigation, qualified 6/1/2021 through 6/1/2024. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform these covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

Bryant McLendon, Gas Distribution Technician for the City of Dublin Gas System, performed Task #0641 – Visually inspect Pipe and Components Prior to Installation, qualified 12/26/2018 through 12/26/2023. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform these 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. 37048**
City of Dublin Gas System	)	
Inspection DC23-035 on November 20, 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 Dublin Gas System* 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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