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Docket No. 37055

City of Grantville Gas System
123 LaGrange Street P. O. Box 160
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REF: 199 Inspection # DC23-038

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Al Grieshaber

On November 29, 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 DC23-038 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. 37055 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: DC23-038

OPERATOR: City of Grantville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Daniel Clemmons

INSPECTION DATE: November 29, 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 anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	AT22-006	2/3/2022
192.615(a)(4)	The availability of personnel, equipment, tools, and materials, as needed at the scene of an...	AT22-006	2/3/2022
Under Consent Agreement	Operator is under a Consent Agreement.	JS23-024	8/28/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On November 29, 2023, Commission Staff reported to the City of Grantville 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 29, 2023.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Joan Henry– Utility Director/Dedicated Employee Representative (DER)
Alex Boyd – Gas Superintendent
Gene Taylor – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection, the City of Grantville Gas System was under three (3) previously existing probable violations. These items were addressed in Inspection Number JS23-024, which the Operator had not received at the time of this inspection. The Operators Consent Agreement is addressed under Inspection Number DC23-037.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the City of Grantville 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 Coweta County. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for Alex Boyd 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.

Alex Boyd, Gas Superintendent for the City of Grantville Gas System, performed Task #1231– Inside Leak Gas Investigation, qualified 9/13/2022 through 9/13/2025. 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.

Alex Boyd, Gas Superintendent for the City of Grantville Gas System, performed Task #1241– Outside Leak Gas Investigation, qualified 9/13/2022 through 9/13/2025. 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.

Alex Boyd, Gas Superintendent for the City of Grantville Gas System, performed Task #01291 – Locate Underground Pipelines, qualified 1/24/2023 through 1/24/2024. 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.

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. 37055**
City of Grantville Gas System	)	
Inspection DC23-038 on November 29, 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 Grantville 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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