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Docket No. 37049

City of Eatonton Gas System
P. O. Box 3820
Eatonton, GA 31024

REF: 199 Inspection # RS23-032

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Gary Sanders

On December 7, 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 RS23-032 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. 37049 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: RS23-032

OPERATOR: City of Eatonton Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Brant Sweat

INSPECTION DATE: December 7, 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
192.181(a)	Each high-pressure distribution system must have valves spaced so as to reduce the time to...	AT21-025	9/20/2021
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	AT23-003	1/10/2023
515-9-3-.09	Response Options Open to the Operator	AT23-003	1/10/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On December 7th, 2023, Staff reported to The City of Eatonton to conduct a drug & alcohol inspection on the Operator's anti-drug & alcohol plan and records.

During this inspection Dalton Utilities was represented by:
Charlie Bale - Natural Gas Pipeline Manager
Maria Jimenez - Designated Employer Representative (DER)
Jessie Cason - Foreman
Wade Sharpe - MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Pipeline Safety Staff was represented by Brant Sweat, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection The City of Eatonton was under two (2) previously existing probable violations. These items were addressed under Inspection #JS23-030, which the Operator has not yet received.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed The City of Eatonton natural gas department's anti-drug & alcohol plan for compliance with Part 40 & 199 of the Pipeline Safety Regulations utilizing PHMSA's drug & alcohol inspection form.

Staff examined the Operator's drug and alcohol testing records for covered employees who fall under the plan, Management Information System (MIS) data, qualification documentation for service agents, and records demonstrating how Dalton Utilities ensures their contractors who perform covered functions for them are following the drug & alcohol regulations.

Staff also performed three (3) Protocol 9 Inspection on The City of Eatonton Foreman Jessie Cason. Staff watched the operator's employee perform Measure Structure to Electrolyte Potential Task #0001, Joining Plastic Pipe – Stab Fitting Task #0681, and Squeeze off plastic pipe Task #1141.

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. 37049**
City of Eatonton Gas System	)	
Inspection RS23-032 on December 7, 2023	)	
	)	

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 Eatonton 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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