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Docket No. 37062

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City of LaGrange Natural Gas Department
(Transmission)
200 Ridley Ave
LaGrange, GA 30240

REF: Follow Up Inspection # DJ23-035

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☑ Email

Attention: Ms. Meg Kesley

On October 16, 2023, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection Office conducted an on-site inspection of your gas system and found that previously identified probable violation(s) of the Pipeline Safety Regulations have either been cleared or are continuing, as identified below.

- ☒ Previously existing probable violation(s) has/have been cleared.
- ☐ Previously existing probable violation(s) still exist.
- ☐ Additional Enforcement
  - ☐ Notice of Proposed Violation
  - ☐ Notice of Proposed Violation with Proposed Civil Penalty
  - ☐ Warning Letter
  - ☐ Letter of Concern
  - ☐ Observed Issue
- ☐ Consent Agreement Pending

The enclosed inspection report numbered DJ23-035 is provided for your information and file.

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. 37062 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: DJ23-035

OPERATOR: City of LaGrange Natural Gas Department (Transmission)

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: October 16, 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 follow-up inspection of the Operators previously existing probable violations.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

Cleared on 10/16/2023

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.603(c)	General - The Associate Administrator or the State Agency that has submitted a current...	JB22-022	8/8/2022

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On October 16, 2023, Staff reported to the City of LaGrange Gas System to perform a follow-up inspection of the Operators previously existing probable violations.

During this investigation, the Operator was represented by:
Jeremy Patrick – Regulation & Supply Specialist Gas Division
Gene Taylor – MGAG/SRCS (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 City of LaGrange Gas System was under one (1) previously existing violation. Staff reviewed these probable violations with the Operator and determined that:

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT CLEARED

In regard to the Notice of Amendment of 49CFR, §192.603(c) which was cited in Inspection Number JB22-022; in that inspection Staff stated: "Staff noted that the Operator methane emission plan fails to address alternatives to cutoffs to reduce emissions. Staff also found that the Operators O&M procedure for the permanent repair of leaks on transmission lines (O&M Section 13-L) merely restates the minimum requirements from §192.717. Staff found that the City of LaGrange's plan for compliance with the requirements of Section 114 of the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2020 was deficient. The City of LaGrange must amend their procedures to address the deficiencies identified in this report."

OPERATOR RESPONSE: In their response letter to Inspection Number JB22-022, dated December 7, 2022, the City of LaGrange stated: "The City of LaGrange has revised its Methane Emissions Mitigation Plan and the associated portion of its Operations and Maintenance Plan to provide guidance for consideration of alternatives to cutouts."

FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: During this inspection (DJ23-035), Staff verified that the Operator has revised the information located in Operations and Maintenance Plan under Section V by adding a reference to cutouts and guidance information (Repair Methods) under Section 13-L.

Staff determined that this violation could be cleared at this time.

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:	)	
	)	
Cleared Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37062**
City of LaGrange Gas Department	)	
Inspection DJ23-035 on October 16, 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 LaGrange Gas Department (Transmission)* 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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