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Docket No. 37059

DOCKET# 37059
DOCUMENT# 217481

City of Hogansville Gas System
400 East Main Street
Hogansville, GA 30230

REF: Follow Up Inspection # DJ23-047

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Ms. Lisa Kelly

On December 19, 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 DJ23-047 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. 37059 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: DJ23-047

OPERATOR: City of Hogansville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: December 19, 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 12/19/2023

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
191.17(a)	Transmission systems: Annual report	KR20-027	5/27/2020

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On December 19, 2023, Staff contacted the City of Hogansville to perform a follow-up inspection of the Operator's previously existing probable violations. This inspection was conducted in conjunction with the Operators Qualification Inspection. (Inspection # DJ23-042). The Exit meeting was held on December 19, 2023.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Ryan Diaz – Interim Gas Superintendent
Chris Welborn – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by Daphne Jones, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection, the City of Hogansville natural gas system was under one (1) previously existing probable violation.

PROBABLE VIOLATIONS CLEARED

In regard to the notice of probable violation of 49CFR §191.17(a) which was cited in Inspection Number KR20-027; in that inspection Staff stated that: "The City of Hogansville failed to submit an annual report their transmission facility as required by §191.17."

OPERATOR RESPONSE: Staff found no response letter from the Operator for Inspection Number KR20-027.

FIRST FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: On August 8, 2022, Staff reported to the City of Hogansville Gas Department to perform an inspection of the Operator's methane emission reduction plan for their distribution facilities for compliance with the Congressional mandate of Section 114 of the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2020. (Ref: Inspection Number JB22-020). In this inspection Staff did not address probable violation 49CFR §191.17(a).

OPERATOR RESPONSE: In their response letter to Inspection Number JB22-020, dated December 9, 2022, the City of Hogansville stated that: "Hogansville submitted PHMSA Forms 7100.2-1 for the pipeline from the Hogansville Citygate station to the Meriwether County Line for 2020 and 2021. Hogansville also reported this pipeline to the National Pipeline Mapping System by the required deadlines. Hogansville is operating and maintaining this pipeline in accordance with applicable regulations."

SECOND FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION: During this inspection (DJ23-047) the Operator provided Staff with documentation where they had submitted PHMSA Forms 7100.2-1 for 2020, 2021, and 2022 for the City of Hogansville.

Staff determined that this probable 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. 37059**
City of Hogansville Gas System	)	
Inspection DJ23-047 on December 19, 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 Hogansville 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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