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Docket No. 37026

City of Bainbridge Gas Department
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Bainbridge, GA 39818

DOCKET# 37026
DOCUMENT# 217775

REF: Public Awareness Inspection # DL23-022

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ E-mail

Attention: Mr. Chris Hobby

On July 31, 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 DL23-022 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. 37026 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: DL23-022

OPERATOR: City of Bainbridge Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: July 31, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 27, 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 Operator's Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On July 31,2023, Commission Staff reported to the City of Bainbridge to conduct an inspection of the Operator's Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616.

During the inspection the Operator was represented by:
Kevin Maxwell - Gas Superintendent
April Crosby - Regulatory Compliance
Sam Yarley – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
David Lewis – Lead Inspector
Brant Sweat – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Bainbridge was under no previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Bainbridge's Gas Department Public Awareness Program and procedures which includes all previous document versions of the plan and the changes that have been implemented since the initial version. Staff documented the findings on the applicable PHMSA form. No deficiencies were noted by following guidance on the form.

During this inspection, Staff conducted three (3) Protocol 9 OQ field inspections:
-Frank White , Task #1231 Inside Leak Investigation , Qualified Thru 02/02/26
-John McCollough , Task #0681 Joining Plastic Pipe Stab Fittings , Qualified Thru 11/30/23
-Timothy Harris , Task #0001 Measure Structure to Electrolyte Potential , Qualified Thru 11/30/27
-Jaheen Cheatem , Task 0301 Manually Opening and Closing Valves , Qualified Thru 06/16/26

Staff verified Mr. White, Mr. McCollough, Mr. Harris and Mr. Cheatem performed these covered tasks according to the procedures and were able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions. All tasks were successfully performed according to the operator's procedures.

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. 37026**
City of Bainbridge Gas Department	)	
Inspection DL23-022 on July 31, 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 Bainbridge Gas Department* 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 5th day of March 2024:

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