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Docket No. 37058

City of Hawkinsville Gas System
PO Box 120
90 Broad Street
Hawkinsville, GA 31036

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # DL23-021

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☑ Email

Attention: Ms. Sara Myers

On July 24, 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 DL23-021 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. 37058 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: DL23-021

OPERATOR: City of Hawkinsville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: July 24, 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 operator qualification (OQ) program for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192, SubPart N.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

| Violation | Description | Inspection# | Date |
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| 192.1007(d) | Identify and implement measures to address risks. | AT22-042 | 8/18/2022 |
| 192.1011 | What records must an operator keep? | AT22-042 | 8/18/2022 |
| 192.1007(e) | Measure performance, monitor results, and evaluate effectiveness. | AT22-042 | 8/18/2022 |

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On July 24-25, 2022, Staff reported to the City of Hawkinsville to conduct an inspection of the Operator's operator qualification (OQ) program for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192, SubPart N.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Terry Conyer – Gas Superintendent
Sara Myers – City Manager
Wade Sharpe – 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 Hawkinsville had three (3) previously existing probable violations. These violations will be addressed under Follow-Up Inspection Number # DL23-020.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this Operator Qualification inspection, Staff utilized PHMSA Operator Qualification Plan Review form #14 to review the City of Hawkinsville Gas Department's OQ plan and records, which includes their process on ensuring contractors compliance.

During this inspection Staff conducted OQ Protocol 9 field verification inspection and PHMSA Form 14 to ensure that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were present at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluation Staff observed the Operators personnel Terry Conyer, City of Hawkinsville Employee performed :
-Task #0141 – Visual Inspection of Atmospheric Corrosion , Qualified Thru 02/19/24
-Task #1141 – Squeeze off Plastic Pipe , Qualified Thru 12/13/24
-Task #1241 – Outside Leak Investigation , Qualified Thru 12/10/24

Staff observed that the Operators personnel followed the task procedure and applicable manufactures written procedure.

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**

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| **IN THE MATTER OF:** | ) | |
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| **No Violation Report** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 37058** |
| **City of Hawkinsville Gas System** | ) | |
| **Inspection DL23-021 on July 24, 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 Hawkinsville 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 5th day of March 2024:

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