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Docket No. 37035

DOCKET # 37035
DOCUMENT # 217780

City of Claxton Gas Department
P. O. Box 829
204 West Railroad Street
Claxton, GA 30417

REF: Construction Inspection # JH23-018

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Terry Branch

On April 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 JH23-018 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. 37035 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: JH23-018

OPERATOR: City of Claxton Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Jack Hewitt

INSPECTION DATE: April 24, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 28, 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 construction project for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.1007(d)	Identify and implement measures to address risks.	AT22-009	2/21/2022
192.1011	What records must an operator keep?	AT22-009	2/21/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From April 24, 2023 thru October 7, 2023, Staff reported to Bryan Co. Georgia to conduct an inspection of the City of Claxton high pressure construction project for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192 and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Daniel Hughes Project Manager City of Claxton
Randolph Sowell - Inspector Sapp Engineering
Terry Loyd - Inspector Sapp Engineering
Chris Cawley – Consultant SRCS

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jack Hewitt – Lead Inspector
David Lewis- Inspector
Alan Towe-Inspector

The previous existing probable violations were reviewed during the Claxton Comprehensive Inspection please see follow-up inspection # DL23-016.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Claxton's construction project specifications for the project. The project consists of a new tap station and approximately 28,000 feet of 12" HP Steel gas main installation for the expansion of the high-pressure natural gas system to the intersection of Hwy 80 and Hwy 280. Staff reviewed the materials being used, construction procedures for the pipe, welding procedures, and qualification records along with a qualification field inspection of personnel performing construction tasks.

The Pipeline construction consisted of 28,000' of 12-inch steel pipe from the Kinder Morgan Transmission station to the new industrial park.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed Equix Construction (City of Claxton Contractors) perform a Protocol 9 Inspection on four different visits to the construction site. Staff verified that personnel had access to electronic copies of the procedures and performed them by adhering to the requirements of the City of Claxton Operations and Procedures manual. Staff verified that the qualifications of all individuals were current for the tasks that were performed.

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. 37035**
City of Claxton Gas Department	)	
Inspection JH23-018 on April 24, 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 Claxton Gas Department* was served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of March 2024:

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