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Docket No. 37018

City of Adairsville Gas System
116 Public Square
Adairsville, GA 30103

REF: 199 Inspection # JH23-032

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Ms. Pamela Madison

On December 18, 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 JH23-032 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. 37018 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: JH23-032

OPERATOR: City of Adairsville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Jack Hewitt

INSPECTION DATE: December 18, 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 anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
Under Consent Agreement	Operator is under a Consent Agreement.	JB18-005	5/30/2018
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	JB18-012	7/17/2018
192.181(a)	Each high-pressure distribution system must have valves spaced so as to reduce the time to...	KR22-016	5/23/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On December 18, 2023, Pipeline Safety Staff conducted a Drug and Alcohol inspection on the City of Adairsville Gas Department's to conduct an inspection of the Operators anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Lisa Donald – City Clerk Adairsville / DER City of Adairsville
Steve Smith - Gas Supt.
Maurice Chaney - MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jack Hewitt - Lead Inspector
Brant Sweat - Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Adairsville had three (3) previously existing probable violations. These are addressed in Follow-up Inspection Number DC23-034.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Adairsville's Natural Gas System's system Drug & Alcohol Plan and records for compliance with Part 199 & 40 of the Pipeline safety Regulations. Staff examined the operator's policies, provisions for education and training, drug, and alcohol testing, and when needed, referral for evaluation and treatment.

Staff also conducted a Protocol 9 inspection on two (2) Operator Qualified field employees.
Timmy Paflas, City of Adairsville Employee, performed:
- Task #1211 Odorization – Periodic Sampling, Qualified thru 03/04/24
- Task #0331-0341 Valve / Visual Insp and Partial Operation, Qualified thru 03/10/23

Steve Smith, City of Adairsville Employee, performed:
- Task #1241 Outside Leak Investigation, Qualified thru 03/11/23

Staff examined the individual OQ records before observing their performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for the individuals were current. 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. 37018**
City of Adairsville Gas System	)	
Inspection JH23-032 on December 18, 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 Adairsville Gas System* 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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