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Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond
Commission
P. O. Box 667
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # JH23-006

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jeff Lewis

On January 30, 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 JH23-006 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. 37052 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: JH23-006

OPERATOR: Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond Commission

INVESTIGATOR: Jack Hewitt

INSPECTION DATE: January 30, 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 implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.605(a)	Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for...	AT23-008	1/26/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On January 30, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Fitzgerald Gas to conduct an inspection of the Operators implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P.

During this review the Operator was represented by:
Tom Calhoun – Utility Director
Sam Yarley - MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection, the City of Fitzgerald had no previously existing probable violations.

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan version 5.1.2 dated December 3, 2020 and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff reviewed the City of Fitzgerald's identified threats, accelerated actions, and performance measures for the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Program's current and preceding versions. Staff also interviewed personnel to verify that DIMP messages were being trained and implemented in the field. Staff reviewed the Operator's annual 7100 reports for 2012 through 2021 and verified that Parts C and D were filled out and completed. Staff verified that the Operator has documented the following on their work order: • Location • Material type and size • Wall thickness or SDR • Manufacturer • Lot or production number.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff conducted three (3) Protocol nine inspections:

Wayne Hobby (Gas Tech.) performed task #0301 'Manually Opening and Closing Valves' was qualified 12/19/2018, good thru 12/19/2012, Gene Baker (Gas Tech.) performed task #0141 'Visual Inspection for Atmospheric Corrosion' was qualified 1/22/2015, good thru 1/22/2020, and task1301 'Installing Maintain Line Markers' qualified 1/22/2015, good thru 1/22/2020.

Mr. Hobby and Mr. Baker successfully performed their respective covered tasks. They identified both task-specific along with identifying generic abnormal operating conditions (AOC's) related to each task and the proper reaction to these AOC's.

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. 37052**
Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond	)	
Commission	)	
Inspection JH23-006 on January 306, 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 *Fitzgerald Water, Light and Bond Commission* 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 15th day of March 2024:

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