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City of Eatonton Gas System
P. O. Box 3820
Eatonton, GA 31024

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # JS23-031

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Gary Sanders

On October 11, 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 JS23-031 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. 37049 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: JS23-031

OPERATOR: City of Eatonton Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Jason Smith

INSPECTION DATE: October 11, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: March 19, 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 city of Eatonton Gas System's 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
192.181(a)	Each high-pressure distribution system must have valves spaced so as to reduce the time to...	AT21-025	9/20/2021
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	AT23-003	1/10/2023
515-9-3-.09	Response Options Open to the Operator	AT23-003	1/10/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On October 11, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Eatonton Gas System to perform a Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) implementation inspection for compliance with the minimum federal standards.

The Operator was represented by:
Charles Bales - Gas Superintendent
Ms. Pat Welch - Gas Department Administrative Support
Wade Sharpe - MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jason Smith - Lead Inspector
Brant Sweat - Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the city of Eatonton Gas System was under two (2) previously existing probable violations. These violations are addressed under follow-up inspection #JS23-030.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff examined the city of Eatonton's current Distribution Integrity Management Plan versions 5.1.3 (effective 1/05/2023) and previous version 5.1.2 (effective 7/31/2019). Staff reviewed related records, the Operator's identified threats, accelerated actions, baseline measures and performance measures to verify compliance with the minimum federal standards.

While on site Staff conducted three (3) Operator Qualification Protocol 9 field verification inspections to ensure that covered tasks are being performed in accordance with the Operator's approved written procedures.

Allen Herring - Gas Technician; performed task #0101 'Inspect Rectifier and Obtain Readings'. Allen is qualified for this task until February 4, 2025.

Matt Herring - Gas Technician; performed task #1211 'Odorization Sampling'. Matt is qualified for this task until November 29, 2026.

Jessie Cason - Gas Technician; performed task #0141 'Visual Inspect for Atmospheric Corrosion'. Jessie is qualified for this task until February 04, 2025.

Staff verified that all three (3) individuals were able to perform the covered tasks according to Eatonton Gas System's procedures and were able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions.

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:	)	
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No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37049**
City of Eatonton Gas System	)	
Inspection JS23-031 on October 11, 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 Eatonton 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 26th day of March 2024:

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