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Docket No. 37063

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City of Lawrenceville Gas Dept.
P. O. Box 2200
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

REF: Comprehensive Inspection # JJ24-012

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Chuck Warbington

On January 2, 2024, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered JJ24-012 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. 37063 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: JJ24-012

OPERATOR: City of Lawrenceville Gas Dept.

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: January 2, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: May 30, 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 a comprehensive inspection of the Operators plans, programs, procedures, pipeline, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards in 49CFR Parts 191 and 192

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From February 5 through 8, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Lawrenceville Gas Department to perform a comprehensive inspection of the Operator's plans, procedures, programs, records, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards and conduct Protocol 9 OQ inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Todd Hardigree – Gas Director
Kyle Hamby - Asst. Gas Director
Josh Morris – Regulatory Compliance
Lori Lamberth - MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Jack Hewitt – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Brant Sweat – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Glen Murphy - Pipeline Safety Inspector

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

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Lawrenceville's Gas System written operations and maintenance procedures, records, and gas facilities for compliance with 49 CFR Parts 191 and 192, and the GPSC rules for safe operation of a natural gas distribution system. Staff reviewed the City of Lawrenceville's Emergency Manual, the Operations and Maintenance Manual and the records for conducting regular operations on their gas system including the collection of field data required for the Operator's DIMP program. Staff also Inspected randomly selected pipeline field facilities located within the City of Lawrenceville's territory including leak repairs, pressure stations and pressure recording devices, right-of-way conditions, atmospheric corrosion control, odorant testing, and accessibility of critical valves.

In addition to the comprehensive inspection, Staff conducted seven (7) Operator Qualification Protocol 9 field reviews. Staff observed:

- Dallas Whitman / Corrosion Tech / "Measuring Pipe to Soil Potentials" Task #0001 / Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Quallfications good through 5/16/2026.
- Caleb Duncan / Foreman / "Spring Loaded Pressure Limiting Devices Inspection and Testing" Task # 0411 / Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good thru 8/31/2024.
- Dustin Young / Crewman / "Inspection for Atmospheric Corrosion" Task #0141 / Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good thru 2/18/2024.
- James Beerman / Crewman / "Odorize Sampling" Task # 1211 / Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 4/19/2024.
- Dallas Whitman / Corrosion Tech / "Right of Way – Patrolling" Task #1311 / Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 5/16/2024.
- Joe Johnson / Crewman / "Outside Leak Investigation" Task #1241 / Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 01/31/2025.
- Brian Cooper / Crewman / "Threading of Joint" Task #0721 / Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 12/25/2025.

The Operator provided the current qualification records for the individual before he performed each of the covered tasks. During the field reviews, Staff verified that the individual was able to perform each task by following the company approved procedures and that he was able to identify the abnormal conditions associated with each task and explain a course of action to mitigate the 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. 37063**
City of Lawrenceville Gas Department	)	
Inspection JJ24-012 on January 2, 2024	)	
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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 Lawrenceville Gas Department* 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 _____ day of June 2024:

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