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City of Madison Natural Gas System
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REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # JJ23-011

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Attention: Mr. John Klimm

On February 8, 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 JJ23-011 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. 37067 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: JJ23-011

OPERATOR: City of Madison Natural Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: February 8, 2023

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 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
192.739	Pressure limiting and regulating stations: Inspection and testing.	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.465(d)	Each operator shall take prompt remedial action to correct any deficiencies indicated by the...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.619(a)	No person may operate a segment of steel or plastic pipeline at a pressure that exceeds a maximum...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.467(d)	Inspection and electrical tests must be made to assure that electrical isolation is adequate.	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.473(a)	Each operator whose pipeline system is subjected to stray currents shall have in effect a...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.743(a)	Pressure relief devices at pressure limiting stations and pressure regulating stations must have...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.553(c)	Written plan. Each operator who uprates a segment of pipeline shall establish a written procedure...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.557(b)(1)	Before increasing operating pressure above the previously established maximum allowable operating...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.616	Public education.	AT19-019	5/15/2019
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	JS20-043	12/3/2020

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On February 8 - 9, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Madison Gas Department to perform an inspection of the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP) Implementation and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Rusty Johnson – Superintendent
Wade Shape – MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Daphne Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Daniel Clemmons – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Madison Gas System was under nine (9) previously existing probable violations. These violations will be addressed under Review of Operator Response Inspection Number JS23-007

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan version 4.1.2 with an effective date of 01/04/2023. Staff reviewed the Operator's DIMP procedures and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff reviewed City of Madison Gas Department's identified threats, accelerated actions, baseline measures, and performance measures for the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Program's current version and preceding versions.

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the Operator's annual 7100 reports for 2017 through 2022 which indicated that no new facilities were installed during this period. Staff verified that the Operator has documented the following on their work orders: • Location • Material type and size • Wall thickness or SDR • Manufacturer • Lot or production number.

During this inspection, Staff conducted three Operator Qualification Protocol 9 field verification inspections to ensure that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were present at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

Brian Trent, Senior Gas Service Technician for the City of Madison, performed Task #1241– Outside Gas Leak, qualified 01/06/2023 through 01/05/2026, and Task #123–Inside Gas Leak, qualified 01/06/2023 through 01/05/2026. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

Donald Leach, Locator, for the City of Madison, performed Task #0101 – Inspect Rectifier and Obtain Readings, qualified 01/06/2023 through 01/05/2028. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

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,
City of Madison Natural Gas System
Inspection JJ23-011 on February 8, 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 Madison Natural 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 _____ day of June 2024:



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