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Docket No. 37088

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City of Tallapoosa Gas Department
25 East Alabama Street
Tallapoosa, GA 30176

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # JH23-011

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Phillip Eidson

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 JH23-011 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. 37088 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: JH23-011

OPERATOR: City of Tallapoosa Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Jack Hewitt

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
Under Consent Agreement	Operator is under a Consent Agreement.	JB21-036	9/21/2021

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On February 8, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Tallapoosa 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:
Boyd Coggins– Gas Systems Operation Contract Manager
Phillip Eidson – City Manager
Maurice Chaney - MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection, the City of Tallapoosa had one (1) previously existing probable violations. This was addressed in the follow up inspection JH23-010.

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 City of Tallapoosa's identified threats, accelerated actions, and performance measures for the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Program's current version 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 2013 through 2022 and verified that Parts C and D were filled out and complete. Staff verified that the Operator has documented the following in 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:

In addition to the comprehensive inspection Staff conducted three (3) Operator Qualification Protocol 9 field reviews. Staff observed Mark Wiggens, Gas Technician perform task # 1291 Locate Underground Pipelines, and Tray Floyd, Gas Technician perform task # 1301 Install and Maintain Pipeline Markers and task # 0301 Manually Opening and Closing Valves.

The Operator provided the current qualification records for the individuals before they performed each of the covered tasks. During the field reviews, Staff verified that the individuals were 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 condition.

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. 37088**
City of Tallapoosa Gas Department	)	
Inspection JH23-011 on February 8, 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 Tallapoosa* 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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