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Albany Water, Gas & Light Comm.
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RE: Inspection Report JJ23-016

Dear Mr. Steven Carter -

Based on review of Albany Water, Gas & Light Comm.'s response, discussions with Pipeline Safety Staff and/or Operator, and/or any additional information provided for Inspection , I have cleared the following Enforcement Actions:

Any new or continuing Enforcement Action(s) not listed above will be addressed during the Operator's future inspection. No action is required by Albany Water, Gas & Light Comm. at this time.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence at (404) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert
Director, Office of Pipeline/Facilities Safety

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JJ23-016

OPERATOR: Albany Water, Gas & Light Comm.

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: March 14, 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

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On March 15 - 16, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Albany 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:
Ronnie Bowers – Superintendent
Chris Welborn – 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 Albany Gas System was under two (2) previously existing probable violations. This violation will be addressed under Follow-Up Inspection Number JJ23-015.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan version 4.1.1 with an effective date of 08/13/2021. Staff reviewed the Operator's DIMP procedures and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff reviewed City of Albany 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 (3) 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.

- Alex Pitts & Kayden, Gas Service Technicians, together performed Task #1081 Tapping a Pipeline (Tap Diameter 2 Inch and Less), Qualification Date: 6/02/2021 through 6/01/2024.
- Bernard Haynes, Gas Service Technician, performed Task #1231 Leak Investigation – Inside Gas Leak Investigation, Qualification Date: 2/01/2022 through 1/31/2025.
- Jared Summerall, Gas Service Technician, performed Task #1291 Locate Underground Pipelines, Qualification Date: 5/04/2022 through 5/03/2023.

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:	)	
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No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37020**
Albany Water, Gas & Light Commission	)	
Inspection JJ23-016 on March 14, 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 *Albany Water, Gas & Light 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 _____ day of June 2024:

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