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Docket No. 37088

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DOCUMENT# 219429

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

REF: 199 Inspection # DC24-005

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Phillip Eidson

On January 16, 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 DC24-005 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: DC24-005

OPERATOR: City of Tallapoosa Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Daniel Clemmons

INSPECTION DATE: January 16, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: July 16, 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 anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From January 16, 2024, Commission Staff reported to the City of Tallapoosa Gas System to conduct an inspection of the Operator's Drug and Alcohol misuse plan for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards and could not do Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192 due to severe weather, Subpart N. Staff conducted an entrance and exit interview on January 16, 2024.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Suzy Montalto– City Clerk/Dedicated Employee Representative (DER)
Maurice Chaney – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection, the City of Tallapoosa Gas System was under a consent agreement for violations identified in Inspection Numbers JL16-010 and JJ19-060. This item is addressed in Follow-up Inspection Number DC24-004.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the City of Tallapoosa natural gas system drug & alcohol plan and records for compliance with Part 199 & 40 of the Pipeline safety Regulations. Staff examined the operator's policies, provisions for education and training, drug, and alcohol testing, and when needed, referral for evaluation and treatment.

During the field evaluation, Staff could not observe the Operator's personnel perform three protocol 9 inspections in Haralson County. The severe weather conditions would not allow Tallapoosa Gas Personal to perform three protocol 9 inspections.

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 DC24-005 on January 16, 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 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 22nd day of July 2024:

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