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City of Hawkinsville Gas System
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ATTN: Ms. Sara Myers

On January 2, 2024 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an informal conference as requested by the gas operator. The enclosed inspection report numbered AT24-002 is provided for your information and file.

Please submit a written response outlining the proposed mitigation measures to this inspection as specified in the attached report by U.S. Mail or e-mailing me at michellet@psc.state.ga.us. Please refer to Docket No. 37058 in your response.

Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert

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Director, Office of Pipeline/Facilities Safety

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: AT24-002

OPERATOR: City of Hawkinsville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Alan Towe

INSPECTION DATE: January 2, 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 attend an informal conference with the Operator as requested in their response to inspection number AT22-042.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.1007(d)	Identify and implement measures to address risks.	AT22-042	8/18/2022
192.1011	What records must an operator keep?	AT22-042	8/18/2022
192.1007(e)	Measure performance, monitor results, and evaluate effectiveness.	AT22-042	8/18/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

FOR FILE ONLY AFTER SENDING INFORMAL CONFERENCE LETTER

On January 2, 2024, Staff conducted an informal conference with the City of Hawkinsville as requested in regard to Inspection Number AT22-042.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Terry Conyer – Hawkinsville Gas Superintendent
Sara Myers - Hawkinsville City Manager
Bill Defoor - MGAG/SRCS Consultant
Tim Franklin - MGAG/SRCS Consultant
Wade Sharpe - MGAG/SRCS Consultant

Commission Staff was represented in person by:
Michelle Thebert – Facilities Protection Director
Jeff Baggett – Facilities Protection Supervisor
Alan Towe – Pipeline Safety Inspector/ Lead Inspector
Jack Hewitt - Pipeline Safety Inspector

During this informal conference, the Operator expressed their disagreement with Staffs written report that indicated they would take accelerated action on their Distribution Integrity Management Plan threat concerning Continental fittings by investigating 50 plastic pipe services a year that could potentially have these type fittings installed as stated in Inspection Report AT22-042. Staff advised Operator to submit a proposal in writing how they are planning to mitigate this threat in their Distribution Integrity Management Plan.

In addition, the Operator discussed possible mitigative measures for the proposed civil penalties in Inspection Number DJ17-030. Staff advised that it would consider any measures which went beyond the minimum requirements that the Operator was already required to perform.

Staff directed the Operator to submit their proposals for mitigation of their Distribution Integrity Management Threat concerning Continental fittings and mitigation of the proposed civil penalties in Inspection Report DJ17 -030 in writing no later than 14 days following this meeting.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
	)	
Informal Conference Letter	)	**DOCKET NO. 37058**
City of Hawkinsville Gas System	)	
Inspection AT24-002 on January 2, 2024	)	
	)	

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 Hawkinsville 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 22nd day of July 2024:

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