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City of Madison Natural Gas System
P. O. Box 32
Madison, GA 30650
DELIVERED VIA E-MAIL

RE: Inspection Report JS24-003

Dear Mr. John Klimm -

Based on review of City of Madison Natural Gas System'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 City of Madison Natural Gas System 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: JS24-003

OPERATOR: City of Madison Natural Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Jason Smith

INSPECTION DATE: January 16, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: September 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 Operator's anti-drug and alcohol programs as required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
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
192.553(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 January 16, 2024, Pipeline Safety Staff began performing an inspection on the City of Madison Natural Gas System's anti-drug and alcohol program. On January 30, 2024, Staff reported to Madison to complete the inspection.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Karen Robertson - Human Resources Director (Designated Employee Representative)
Lori Lamberth - MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Commission Pipeline Staff was represented by:
Jason Smith - Lead Inspector
Michelle Thebert - Pipeline Safety Director

At the time of this inspection the City of Madison Gas System was under four (4) previously existing probable violations and was awaiting Commission approval for two (2) consent agreements for violations and proposed civil penalties in Inspection Numbers JS18-006 and AT19-019. These items are addressed under inspection #JS24-002.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Madison Gas System's anti-drug & alcohol plan utilizing the PHMSA Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Programs Inspection Protocol form for compliance with Part 40 & 199 of the Pipeline safety regulations.

Staff examined the Operator's drug and alcohol testing records for personnel who fall under the plan, MIS data, service agents' qualification documentation and the records demonstrating how they ensure their contractors who perform covered functions for them are following the drug & alcohol regulations.

No issues were identified during the Drug & Alcohol inspection.

While on site, Staff conducted an Operator Qualification Protocol 9 field inspection. During the field evaluation, Staff observed the Operator's personnel perform three covered tasks.
Brian Trent performed Task # 0681 – Joining of Plastic Pipe - Stab Fittings, qualified 9/15/2023 through 9/15/2024.
Donald Leach performed Task #1291 – Locate Underground Pipelines, qualified 9/15/2023 through 9/15/2024; and
Task #1301 – Install and Maintain Pipeline Markers, qualified 10/08/2021 through 10/08/2026.

Staff examined the individual's records before observing the task being performed and verified that his qualification records were current.

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. 37067**
City of Madison Natural Gas System	)	
Inspection JS24-003 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 Madison Natural Gas System* was served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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*John Klimm, City Manager
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Respectfully Submitted this 24th day of September 2024:

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