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Docket No. 37617

Southern Company Pipelines
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REF: Public Awareness Inspection # DJ24-003

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Stan Connally

On January 8, 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 DJ24-003 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. 37617 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: DJ24-003

OPERATOR: Southern Company Pipelines

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: January 8, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: September 17, 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 Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From January 8-10, 2024, Staff communicated with the Southern Company Pipeline via Team's meeting to conduct an inspection of the Operators Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616. The exit was performed on January 9, 2024.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Anathea Dortch – PAP and ERP Coordinator
Jim Denham – Operations Compliance

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

At the time of this inspection, the Southern Company Pipeline was under six (6) previously existing probable violations. These violations will be addressed under Follow-Up Inspection Numbers DJ24-001 (Wansley) and DC24-002 (Dahlberg).

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this Inspection, Staff examined the Operator's Public Awareness Plan (PAP) and utilized the PHMSA checklist to record the findings of the inspection. Commission Staff examined the supporting records provided by the Operator that verified compliance with the minimum safety standards.

Southern Company Pipeline's existing Public Awareness Committee consists of personnel involved in regulatory compliance, operations, and damage prevention. All these functions support the execution of this PAP. This committee is responsible for general plan oversight. More specifically, the Public Awareness Committee is responsible for:
A. Conducting annual reviews of the SCP PAP.
B. Conducting four-year effectiveness reviews of the SCP PAP.
C. Reviewing information gathered through feedback activities and operational data to determine PAP effectiveness and the need for supplemental communications.
D. Review communications content.

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. 37617**
Southern Company	)	
Inspection DJ24-003 on January 2, 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 *Southern Company* 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 24th day of September 2024:

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