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Docket No. 37036

City of Cochran Gas System
112 West Dykes St
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Cochran, GA 31014

REF: 199 Inspection # DL24-021

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Richard Newbern

On June 11, 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 DL24-021 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. 37036 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: DL24-021

OPERATOR: City of Cochran Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: June 11, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 5, 2025

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

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
Under Consent Agreement	Operator is under a Consent Agreement.	DL22-011	2/21/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On June 10, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Cochran to conduct an inspection of the Operator's Drug and Alcohol misuse plan for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Candance Summerall – HR Director/DER
Richard Newbern – City Manager
Wade Sharpe – SRCS/MGAG (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
David Lewis – Lead Inspector
Chuck Whitaker – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Cochran had one outstanding consent agreement. See DL24-020 for details.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Cochran's 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.

As a result of this Drug & Alcohol inspection, Staff noted no probable violations of the minimum federal safety standards.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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City of Cochran Gas System	)	**DOCKET NO. 37036**
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, do hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing document on the following persons via email or United States Mail as follows:

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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Respectfully Submitted this 13th day of February 2025:

Cathy Nesbitt

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