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Docket No. 37028

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City of Bowman Gas Department
25 Prince Ave
Bowman, GA 30624

REF: 199 Inspection # DJ24-039

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Ms. Leah Carey

On October 22, 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 DJ24-039 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. 37028 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: DJ24-039

OPERATOR: City of Bowman Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: October 22, 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Consent Agreement Pending | Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director | DL19-052 | 11/18/2019 |
| Consent Agreement Pending | Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director | DJ24-037 | 9/16/2024 |

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On October 22-23, 2024, Commission Staff reported to the City of Bowman to conduct an inspection of the Operator's Drug and Alcohol misuse plan for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192, Subpart N. The exit meeting was performed on October 23, 2024.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Tiffiny Verdell – City Clerk / DER
Lori Lamberth – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection, the City of Bowman was under three (3) previously existing probable violation. These violations will be addressed under Follow-Up Inspection Number DJ24-037.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the City of Bowman 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 on October 23, 2024, Staff observed the Operator's personnel perform three protocol 9 inspections in Elbert County. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for James Jordan and Jason Smith to perform covered tasks. Staff examined the individual records before observing the performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for these individuals were current.

James Jordan, Gas Technician, perform Task #1231 Inside Gas Leak Investigation: qualification expiration date, 9/18/2026 and Task #1211 Odorization: qualification expiration date, 9/23/2025. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform these covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

Jason Smith, Gas Technician, perform Task #1161 Installation of Customer Meters and Regulators – Residential and Commercial: qualification expiration date, 4/9/2027. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform these covered tasks according to the procedures and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

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**

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| **IN THE MATTER OF:** | ) | |
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| **City of Bowman Gas Department** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 37028** |
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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
Georgia Public Service Commission
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*The Honorable Leah Carey, Mayor
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*Michelle Thebert, Facilities Protection Unit Director
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Respectfully Submitted this 19th day of February 2025:

*Cathy Nesbitt*

Cathy Nesbitt, Administrative Assistant
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