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Docket No. 37032

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City of Cartersville Gas Department
PO Box 1390
Cartersville, GA 30120

REF: DIMP – Implementation Inspection # JS24-031

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Dan Porta

On August 19, 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 JS24-031 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. 37032 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: JS24-031

OPERATOR: City of Cartersville Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Jason Smith

INSPECTION DATE: August 19, 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 Operator's implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

| Violation | Description | Inspection# | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 199.101 | Anti-Drug Plan | JS24-028 | 8/5/2024 |
| 199.105(c)(6) | The operator shall randomly select a sufficient number of covered employees for testing during... | JS24-028 | 8/5/2024 |
| 40.213(g) | What training requirements must STTs and BATs meet? Documentation. | JS24-028 | 8/5/2024 |

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On August 21, 2024, Pipeline Safety Staff reported to the city of Cartersville to conduct an inspection of the gas department's implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Greg Thacker - Regulatory & Compliance Supervisor
Chris Givens - Regulatory & Construction Coordinator
Jody Glassman - Lead CP / Leak Technician
Maurice Chaney - MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jason Smith - Lead Inspector
Eric Atkins - Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Cartersville Gas Department had no previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Operator's current and previous DIMP versions and related records utilizing PHMSA's Gas Distribution System DIMP Implementation inspection form #24 to verify compliance with minimum federal safety regulations.

Staff reviewed Cartersville Gas Department's current (version 5.1) and previous (version 4.1.2) Distribution Integrity Management plans, annual 7100 reports for the last five years, atmospheric corrosion/leak surveys, work orders and system GIS mapping. In addition, Staff verified that the Operator has documented the location, material type and size, lot or production number of new pipe on work orders.

Staff did not conduct any OQ Protocol 9 field evaluations as part of this inspection because they were just completed under Inspection Number JS24-029.

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 Cartersville Gas Department** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 37032** |
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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 17th day of February 2025:

*Cathy Nesbitt*

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