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Docket No. 37028

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

REF: Public Awareness Inspection # DJ24-046

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Ms. Leah Carey

On December 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 DJ24-046 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

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Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: DJ24-046

OPERATOR: City of Bowman Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: December 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 Operator's Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616.

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 December 11, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Bowman's Gas Department to perform 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 December 11, 2024.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Loyd Ivester – Gas Supervisor
James Jordan – Gas System Technician
Jason Smith – Gas System Technician
Bruce Bagnasco – 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 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.

The City of Bowman'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 City of Bowman's Public Awareness Program.
B. Conducting annual reviews of the City of Bowman PAP Plan.
C. Conducting four-year effectiveness reviews of the City of Bowman PAP Plan.
D. Reviewing information gathered through feedback activities and operational data to determine PAP effectiveness and the need for supplemental communications.
E. Review communications content.

During the field evaluation, Staff also observed the Operator's personnel perform three Protocol 9 inspections in Bowman, Ga. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for 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 also observed Jason Smith, Gas Technician, perform Task #1161 Installation of Customer Meters and Regulators – Residential and Commercial: qualification expiration date, 4/9/2027.

Staff examined the individual records before observing the performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for these individuals were current. 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

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
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Respectfully Submitted this 12th day of February 2025:

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