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City of Social Circle Gas Department
P. O. Box 310
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ATTN: Mr. Eric Taylor

On September 4, 2024 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an on-site inspection of your gas system and found no violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations. The enclosed inspection report numbered JJ24-050 is provided for your information and file.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please contact me at (404) 985-4271 or mthebert@psc.ga.gov. If you submit a written response to this inspection, please refer to Docket No. 37081.

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: JJ24-050

OPERATOR: City of Social Circle Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: September 4, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 19, 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 implementation of their Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.465(d)	Each operator shall take prompt remedial action to correct any deficiencies indicated by the...	KR22-038	12/12/2022
192.625(f)	To assure the proper concentration of odorant in accordance with this section, each operator must...	KR22-038	12/12/2022

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On September 4, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Social Circle's Gas Department to perform a Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP IMP) Implementation Inspection on the Operator's DIMP plans, records, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards and conduct Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards. An exit meeting was conducted on September 4, 2024.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Rusty Johnson – Gas Director
Robbie Groves – Public Works Director
Rhonda Bell– Environmental Compliance
Lori Lamberth– MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Chuck Whitaker – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Eric Atkins – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Social Circle had six (6) previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff performed a DIMP IMP Inspection of the Operator's written DIMP plan and, records, and gas facilities for compliance with 49 CFR Parts 191 and 192, and the GPSC rules for safe operation of a natural gas distribution system.

During this inspection, The Operator had records on file to demonstrate they collected all the required data on any new pipeline and components installed from 2017 thru 2023. Staff verified that the Operator has documented the following: • Location • Material type and size • Wall thickness or SDR • Manufacturer • Lot or production number. The operator has documented all new construction and maintenance, and existing facilities, as it is exposed, by capturing the data on their work order specification sheet.

During the field evaluation, Staff also observed the Operator's personnel perform three OQ Protocol 9 field evaluations in Social Circle, Ga. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for:

Robert Hammock, Senior Gas Technician performed;
- Task #0701 EWN-PE Joining Pipe Using Bottom-Out Compression Couplings: qualification expiration date, 8/14/2025, and
- Task #80851 Installation of Customer Meters and Regulators – Residential and Small Commercial: qualification expiration date 7/30/2027.

Travis Wright, Gas Techician.performed Task #0781 EWN-PE Joining of Plastic Pipe: Stab Fitting: qualification expiration date, 7/30/2024.

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 each individual was able to perform the 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 Social Circle Gas Department	)	**DOCKET NO. 37081**
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

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Respectfully Submitted this 4th day of March 2025:

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