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Docket No. 37020

City of Albany
1726 Lily Pond Road
Albany, GA 31701

REF: DIMP Inspection # DJ24-024

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Derrick Brown

On June 10, 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 DJ24-024 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. 37020 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: DJ24-024

OPERATOR: City of Albany

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: June 10, 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 Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, Subpart P.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On June 11, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Albany's Gas Department to perform a DIMP 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 June 11, 2024.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Ronnie Bowers – Gas Superintendent
Alec Pitts - Gas Distribution Working Foreman
Bernard Hayes - Pipe Maintenance Technician
Slyvester Burke - Pipe Maintenance Technician
Chris Welborn – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection, the City of Albany had no previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff performed a DIMP 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 the field evaluation, Staff also observed the Operator's personnel perform three Protocol 9 inspections in Albany, Ga. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for Alec Pitts, Gas Distribution Working Foreman, Task #0941 Install Tracer Wire: qualification expiration date, 10/02/2026 and Bernard Hayes, Pipe Maintenance Technician, Task #1231 Leak Investigation – Inside Gas Leak Investigation: qualification expiration date 1/31/2025. Staff observed also observed Slyvester Burke, Pipe Maintenance Technician, perform Task #1161 Installation of Customer Meters and Regulators – Residential and Commercial: qualification expiration date, 01/03/2025. Staff examined the individual records before observing the performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for these individuals were current.

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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Albany Water, Gas & Light Commission	)	**DOCKET NO. 37020**
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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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