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City of Wrens Gas Department
P. O. Box 125
Wrens, GA 30833

REF: 199 Inspection # DL24-028

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Arty Thrift

On July 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 DL24-028 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. 37103 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: DL24-028

OPERATOR: City of Wrens Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: July 22, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 18, 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

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

Cleared on 7/22/2024

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	JS20-021	4/30/2020

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On August 6, 2024, Commission Staff requested information to conduct a D&A inspection. Staff received information from The City of Wrens on August 8, 2024, and started conducting the procedure portion of the inspections virtually. Utilizing the received information, Staff conducted the virtual part of the inspection on August 13, 2024.

On August 15, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Wrens Gas Department to conduct the remainder of the D&A inspection of the Operators anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Brian Usry – Utility Director
Cassi Bartlett - City Clerk/DER
Chris Cawley – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by David Lewis, Lead Inspector.

At the time of this inspection, the City of Wrens Gas Department had no previously existing probable violations and one (1) Consent Agreement. See DL24-025.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection (DL24-028), Staff reviewed the City of Wrens Gas Department 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 this inspection, Staff conducted three (3) Protocol nine inspections:
Brandon Anderson, Superintendent, performed: Task #0301 Manually Opening and Closing Valves; Qualification Dates October 25, 2023 to Oct. 26, 2026. Task #1211- Odorization Periodic Sampling; Qualifications Dates October 20,2022 to October 19, 2025. Task # 1291 Locating underground pipelines Qualifications Dates October 21,2023 to October 20, 2024.

Staff verified Mr. Anderson performed these covered tasks according to the procedures and were able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions. All tasks were successfully performed according to the operator's procedures.

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 Wrens Gas Department	)	**DOCKET NO. 37103**
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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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