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Docket No. 37020

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DOCUMENT# 221624

City of Albany
1726 Lily Pond Road
Albany, GA 31701

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # JS24-006

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Derrick Brown

On March 4, 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 JS24-006 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: JS24-006

OPERATOR: City of Albany

INVESTIGATOR: Jason Smith

INSPECTION DATE: March 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 perform an inspection of the Operator's natural gas pipeline, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On March 4, 2024, Pipeline Safety Staff began reviewing the City of Albany Gas Department's OQ plan and on March 5th met with the Operator via Teams Meeting to perform an Operator Qualification inspection.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Ronnie Bower - Gas Superintendent
Chris Wellborn - MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jason Smith - Lead Inspector
David Lewis - Pipeline Safety Inspector

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

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff reviewed the city of Albany Gas Department's Operator Qualification plan and qualification records for compliance utilizing PHMSA's OQ Plan Review Inspection form.

Staff did not perform a Protocol 9 Field Evaluation because this OQ inspection was done virtually on a Teams Meeting and through e-mail correspondence.

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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