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Docket No. 37067

City of Madison Natural Gas System
P. O. Box 32
Madison, GA 30650

REF: Public Awareness Inspection # JJ24-040

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. John Klimm

On July 30, 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 JJ24-040 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. 37067 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: JJ24-040

OPERATOR: City of Madison Natural Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: July 30, 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 Operator's Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.619(a)	No person may operate a segment of steel or plastic pipeline at a pressure that exceeds a maximum...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.553(c)	Written plan. Each operator who uprates a segment of pipeline shall establish a written procedure...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
192.557(b)(1)	Before increasing operating pressure above the previously established maximum allowable operating...	JS18-006	2/5/2018
Under Consent Agreement	Operator is under a Consent Agreement.	JJ24-028	6/13/2024

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From July 30th 2024, through August 5, 2024, Staff conducted an inspection of the Operators Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616 and conduct Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards. An exit meeting was performed on August 8th, 2024.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Ronnie Stovall– Gas Superintendent
Rhonda Bell – Administrative Assistant
Lori Lamberth – SRCS Consultant

Commission Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Chuck Whitaker – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Jack Hewitt - Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Madison Gas System was under three (3) previously existing probable violations and was awaiting Commission approval for two (2) consent agreements for violations and proposed civil penalties in Inspection Numbers JS18-006 and AT19-019. Prior to the final processing of this inspection Staff was advised that these items are addressed in Inspection Number JS24-002 which the Operator has already responded to. Staff was also advised that the FPU Supervisor will be contacting the Operator to a resolution to these continuing probable violations. Based on this information Staff did not address these items in this inspection report.

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.

During the field evaluation, Staff observed the Operator's personnel perform four protocol 9 field inspections in Madison , GA. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for Donald Leach and Brian Trent to perform covered tasks. Staff examined the individual records before observing the performance in the field. Staff verified that qualification records for these individuals were current.

Donald Leach, Gas Technician, for the City of Madison , performed Task #1211 – Odorization Periodic Sampling, qualification good through 04/09/2025, and performed Task #1311 "Right of Way Patrolling", qualifications good through 05/16/2025. - Staff verified that the 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.

Brian Trent, Gas Technician for the City of Madison , performed Task #1231 Inside Gas Leak Investigation Qualification good through 02/07/2025, Task#1241 "Outside Gas Leak Investigation" Qualification good through 02/07/2025, and Task #0301 "Manually Opening and Closing Valves" Qualification good through 04/13/2025. Staff verified that the 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 Madison Natural Gas System	)	**DOCKET NO. 37067**
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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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