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Town of Trion Gas Department
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ATTN: Mr. Lanny Thomas

On January 29, 2025 a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an informal conference as requested by the gas operator. The enclosed inspection report numbered JB25-002 is provided for your information and file.

Please submit a written response outlining the proposed mitigation measures to this inspection as specified in the attached report by U.S. Mail or e-mailing me at michellet@psc.state.ga.us. Please refer to Docket No. 37094 in your response.

Thank you for your continuing contribution toward increased pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Michelle Thebert
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Director, Office of Pipeline/Facilities Safety

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JB25-002

OPERATOR: Town of Trion Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Jeff Baggett

INSPECTION DATE: January 29, 2025 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 attend an informal conference with the Operator as requested in their response to inspection number JJ22 -051.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.181(b)	Each regulator station controlling the flow or pressure of gas in a distribution system must have...	JJ22-051	11/7/2022
192.467(c)	Except for unprotected copper inserted in a ferrous pipe, each pipeline must be electrically...	JJ22-051	11/7/2022
192.181(a)	Each high-pressure distribution system must have valves spaced so as to reduce the time to...	JJ22-051	11/7/2022
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	JS24-021	6/10/2024
192.615(c)	Each operator shall establish and maintain liaison with appropriate fire, police, and other...	JS24-022	6/10/2024
192.616(c)	The operator must follow the general program recommendations, including baseline and supplemental...	JS24-022	6/10/2024

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On January 29, 2025 Commission Staff conducted an informal conference with the Town of Trion as requested in their response letter to Inspection Number JJ22-051.

During this informal conference the Operator was represented by:
Lanny Thomas - Mayor
Mike Hughes - Gas Superintendent
Maurice Chaney - MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Michelle Thebert - Director, Facilities Protection Unit
Jeff Baggett - Supervisor, Facilities Protection Unit
Eric Atkins - Pipeline Safety Inspector

During this meeting, the Operator discussed possible mitigative measures for the proposed civil penalties in Inspection Number JJ22-051. The Operator advised that they have performed repairs to the valves that were inoperable and that they have been returned to service.

Staff directed the Operator to submit their proposals for mitigation of the proposed civil penalties in writing no later than 14 days following this informal conference. The Operator was advised that if their proposals were found to be acceptable, they would be provided with a consent agreement to review which would address the mitigation of the proposed civil penalty and the measures required to address the probable violations.

BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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Town of Trion Gas Department	)	**DOCKET NO. 37094**
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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:

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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*The Honorable Lanny Thomas, Mayor
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Respectfully Submitted this 4th day of March 2025:

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