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Docket No. 37020

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City of Albany
1726 Lily Pond Road
Albany, GA 31701

REF: Inspection of Right-of-Way Inspection # JH24-027

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Derrick Brown

On June 27, 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 JH24-027 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: JH24-027

OPERATOR: City of Albany

INVESTIGATOR: Jack Hewitt

INSPECTION DATE: June 27, 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 construction project 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 June 27, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Albany, Ga. to conduct an inspection of the City of Albany's Gas Department compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192 and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards. During this inspection Staff conducted a Protocol 9 inspection on City of Albany Foreman Jamie Brown and Foreman Bernard Haynes.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Ronnie Bowers – City of Albany Gas Department Director
Jamie Brown – City of Albany Crew Foreman
Bernard Haynes – City of Albany Crew Foreman

Commission Staff was represented by:
Jack Hewitt – Lead Inspector
Joe Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Chuck Whitaker – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Erik Atkins – Pipeline Safety Inspector

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

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff observed the City of Albany investigate a reported exposed line on Radium Springs Hwy. The exposed line was reported to the City of Albany by the Dougherty Co. Road Department. The exposed pipe was caused by an improperly installed storm drain. The county was repairing the drain when they found the exposed pipe. The City of Albany Gas Crew found the exposure and upon inspecting the pipe they found some damaged coating.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed City of Albany Foreman Jamie Brown perform Task #0151 Visual inspection of buried pipe and components when exposed his qualifications were current through 06/25/2027, and Foreman Bernard Haynes perform Task #1011 External coating application repair- wrapped his qualifications were current through 2/26/2026.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Haynes performed their tasks according to the City of Albany Procedures and identified both generic and task specific abnormal operating conditions and knew the proper reaction to the AOC's.

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:

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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Respectfully Submitted this 4th day of ~~February~~ March 2025:

Cathy Nesbitt

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