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Docket No. 37101

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City of Winder Gas Department
P. O. Box 566
Winder, GA 30680

REF: 199 Inspection # RS24-002

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jimmy Terrell

On January 8, 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 RS24-002 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. 37101 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: RS24-002

OPERATOR: City of Winder Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Brant Sweat

INSPECTION DATE: January 8, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 26, 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

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On December 27th, 2023, Pipeline Safety Staff began reviewing The City of Winder's anti-drug & alcohol plan. Then on January 8th, 2024, Staff reported to The City of Winder to conduct a drug & alcohol inspection on the Operator's anti-drug & alcohol plan and records.

During this inspection The City of Winder was represented by:
Tabatha Knight - Designated Employer Representative (DER)
Lori Lambert - MGAG/SRCS (consultant)

Pipeline Safety Staff was represented by:
Brant Sweat - Lead Inspector
Joe Jones – Inspector
Glen Murphy – Inspector

At the time of this inspection The City of Winderhad no previously existing probable violations.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed The City of Winder's natural gas department's anti-drug & alcohol plan for compliance with Part 40 & 199 of the Pipeline Safety Regulations utilizing PHMSA's drug & alcohol inspection form.

Staff examined the Operator's drug and alcohol testing records for covered employees who fall under the plan, Management Information System (MIS) data, qualification documentation for service agents, and records demonstrating how the City of Winder ensures their contractors who perform covered functions for them are following the drug & alcohol regulations.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed three City of Winder workers to conduct OQ Protocol 9 field Task. Staff verified that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate Operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were available at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

- William Skinner, Compliance Construction Inspector, performed Task #0301 Manually Opening and Closing Valves, qualified 05/20/2022 through 05/20/2025.
- John Snelling, Gas Utility Worker performed Task #3901 Installation of Plastic Pipe in a Ditch, qualified 08/09/2023 through 08/20/2026.
- Andrew Hewatt, Gas Utility worker performed Install Tracer Wire, qualified, 05/14/2023 through 05/14/2026.

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 Winder Gas Department	)	**DOCKET NO. 37101**
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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 5th day of March 2025:

Cathy Nesbitt

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