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Docket No. 37037

City of Colquitt Gas System
154 West Street
Colquitt, GA 39837

REF: DIMP Inspection # JJ24-043

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Cory Thomas

On August 13, 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 JJ24-043 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. 37037 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

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Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JJ24-043

OPERATOR: City of Colquitt Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: August 13, 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 Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR Part 192, SubPart P.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	JJ24-042	8/8/2024

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From August 12th through August 15th, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Colquitt's Gas Department to perform an inspection of the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP) and Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Emanuel Haire– Gas Superintendent
Sam Yarley – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection the City of Colquitt's Gas System was under one (1) previously existing probable violation. This violation will be addressed under follow-up inspection number JJ24-042.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff examined the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Plan version 5.2 with an effective date of 7/17/2024. Staff reviewed the Operator's DIMP procedures and all related records to verify compliance with Minimum Federal Safety Regulations. Staff reviewed the City of Colquitt's Gas Department's identified threats, accelerated actions, baseline measures, and performance measures for the Operator's Distribution Integrity Management Program's current version and preceding versions.

In addition, Staff reviewed the Operator's Annual 7100 reports for 2014 through 2024. Staff verified that the Operator has documented the following on their work orders: • Location • Material type and size • Wall thickness or SDR • Manufacturer • Lot or production number.

While on site, Staff conducted three Operator Qualification Protocol 9 field verification inspections to ensure that covered task(s) were being performed in accordance with appropriate operator-approved procedures, that the procedures were present at the job site, and that the individuals performing the observed covered task(s) were adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

Linsey Grant / Gas Technician, performed:
Isolated, Abandoned and Deactivating pipeline facilities Task #1701 / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 9/6/2025/

Charles Wallce / Gas Technician, performed:
Inside Gas Leak Investigation - Task #1231 / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 11/6/2026
Outside Gas Leak Investigation - Task #1241 / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 11/6/2026

Staff verified that the individuals were able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedures and were 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 Colquitt Gas System	)	**DOCKET NO. 37037**
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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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*Cory J. Thomas, City Manager
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Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of March 2025:

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