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Docket No. 37101

City of Winder Gas Department
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REF: Public Awareness Inspection # DJ24-044

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jimmy Terrell

On December 9, 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 DJ24-044 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: DJ24-044

OPERATOR: City of Winder Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: December 9, 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 Operator's Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On December 9, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Winder's Gas Department to perform an inspection of the Operators Public Awareness Program (PAP) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192.616. The exit was performed on December 9, 2024.

During this inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Samantha McDaniel – Regulatory Compliance Officer
Billy Skinner – Construction Compliance Inspector
John Snelling – Crew Leader
Earl Roper - Utilities III Service Technician
Rodney Davisson – Service Technician
Charles (Greg) Williams - Contractor – Williams Corrosion Control Services
Tim Franklin – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Daphne Jones – Lead Inspector
Daniel Clemmons – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection, the City of Winder had no previously existing probable violations.

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.

The City of Winder's existing Public Awareness Committee consists of personnel involved in regulatory compliance, operations, and damage prevention. All these functions support the execution of this PAP. This committee is responsible for general plan oversight. More specifically, the Public Awareness Committee is responsible for:
A. Conducting annual reviews of the City of Winder's Public Awareness Program.
B. Conducting annual reviews of the City of Winder PAP Plan.
C. Conducting four-year effectiveness reviews of the City of Winder PAP Plan.
D. Reviewing information gathered through feedback activities and operational data to determine PAP effectiveness and the need for supplemental communications.
E. Review communications content.

During the field evaluation performed from November 18-21, 2024, Staff observed the Operator's personnel perform five protocol 9 field inspections in Winder, GA. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for Rodney Davisson, Earl Roper, John Snelling, and Charles Williams (Contractor) 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.

Rodney Davisson, Service Technician for the City of Winder, performed Task #1231 – "Inside Gas Leak Investigation, qualification good through 11/26/2026. 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.

Earl Roper, Utilities III Service Technician for the City of Winder, performed Task #1211 - Odorization Periodic Sampling, qualification good through 8/23/2025. 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.

John Snelling, Crew Leader for the City of Winder, performed Task #1241 – "Outside Gas Leak Investigation, qualification good through 11/27/2026. 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.

Charles Williams, Contractor for Williams Corrosion Control Services, performed Task #0001 – Measuring Pipe to Soil Potentials, qualification good through 12/20/2027, and performed Task #0101 - Rectifier and Obtain Readings, qualification good through 12/20/2027. 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 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:

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Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of March 2025:

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