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Docket No. 37101

City of Winder Gas Department
P. O. Box 566
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REF: Comprehensive Inspection # DJ24-041

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jimmy Terrell

On November 7, 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 DJ24-041 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: DJ24-041

OPERATOR: City of Winder Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: November 7, 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 a comprehensive inspection of the Operators plans, programs, procedures, pipeline, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards in 49CFR Parts 191 and 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On November 7, 2024, Staff conducted a comprehensive procedure review with the City of Winder Gas Department via Team's meeting for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

From November 18, 2024, through November 21, 2024, Staff reported to the City of Winder Gas Department to perform a comprehensive inspection on the Operator's manual, plans, records, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards and conducted Protocol 9 inspections for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards. An exit meeting was performed on November 21, 2024.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Samantha McDaniel – Regulatory Compliance Officer
Ted Tillery – Construction & Maintenance Supervisor
Billy Skinner – Construction Compliance Inspector
Richard Roberts - Asst Construction & Maintenance Supervisor
John Snelling – Crew Leader
Rod Davisson – Service Technician
Charles (Greg) Williams - Contractor – Williams Corrosion Control Services
Lori Lamberth – 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 was under no previously existing probable violation.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection Staff performed a comprehensive inspection of the Operator's written operations and maintenance procedures, records, and gas facilities for compliance with 49 CFR Parts 191 and 192, and the GPSC rules for safe operation of a natural gas distribution system.

During the field evaluation, 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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