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Docket No. 37021

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DOCUMENT# 226302

City of Americus Natural Gas Services
101 West Lamar Street
Americus, GA 31709

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # GM25-028

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Ms. Diedra Powell

On June 17, 2025, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered GM25-028 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. 37021 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: GM25-028

OPERATOR: Americus Utility Commission

INVESTIGATOR: Glen Murphy

INSPECTION DATE: June 17, 2025 REPORT MAILED DATE: April 15, 2026

Any questions concerning this report may be directed to the above address or by telephoning (404) 463-6526.

1. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

To perform an operator qualification personnel evaluation (Protocol 9) of the Operator's employee(s) for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192, SubPart N.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

SEE ATTACHED INSPECTION REPORT

CITY OF AMERICUS NATURAL GAS SERVICES / OPERATOR QUALIFICATION INSPECTION
INSPECTION NUMBER GM25-028 / DOCKET NUMBER 37021

On June 17, 2025, Commission Staff reported to the City of Americus to conduct an Operator Qualification (OQ) program inspection and a Protocol 9 inspection for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards. Exit meeting was held on June 17,2025.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
David Wooden - Gas Superintendent
Peter Shultz – Harp and Associates (consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Glen Murphy - Pipeline Safety Inspector
Jason Smith - Lead Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Americus Natural Gas had no previous existing probable violations.

During this inspection Staff conducted a review of the Operator's Qualifications to ensure that the Operator had and followed a written qualification program, 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 tasks were qualified and adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

- Chris Lee – performed Task# 1291 – Locate Underground Pipeline - Qualified 5/15/2024 through 5/15/2027
- Johnie White – performed Task# 0001 – Measure Structure-To-Electrolyte Potential – Qualified 4/20/2022 through 4/19/2027
- David Wooden – performed Task# 1011 – External Coating Application and Repair- Wrapped – Qualified 9/18/2024 through 9/18/2027

Staff verified that the individuals were able to perform the tasks covered according to the procedures and were able to identify generic and task specific abnormal operating 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 Americus Natural Gas Service	)	**DOCKET NO. 37021**
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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 23rd day of April 2026:

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