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City of Albany
1726 Lily Pond Road
Albany, GA 31701

REF: 199 Inspection # JJ25-071

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Attention: Derrick Brown

On December 10, 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 JJ25-071 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. 37020 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
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REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY

INSPECTION NO: JJ25-071

OPERATOR: City of Albany

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: December 10, 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 conduct an inspection of the Operators anti-drug and alcohol programs required by 49CFR Parts 40 and 199

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
192.616(b)	The operator's program must follow the general program recommendations of API RP 1162 and assess...	JJ25-070	12/8/2025
192.616(d)	The operator's program must specifically include provisions to educate the public, appropriate...	JJ25-070	12/8/2025

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

SEE ATTACHED INSPECTION REPORT

CITY OF ALBANY / DRUG & ALCOHOL INSPECTION
INSPECTION NUMBER JJ25-071 / DOCKET NUMBER 37020

On December 9th through 10th, 2025 Commission Staff reported to the City of Albany to conduct an inspection of the Operator's Drug and Alcohol misuse plan for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards. An exit interview was conducted on December 10, 2025.

During this Inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Towanna Howard – Designated Employee Representative (DER)
Chris Welburn – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff were represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Glen Murphy – Pipeline Safety Inspector

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

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Staff reviewed the City of Albany drug & alcohol plan and records for compliance with Part 199 & 40 of the Pipeline safety Regulations. Staff examined the operator's policies, provisions for education and training, drug, and alcohol testing, and when needed, referral for evaluation and treatment.

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.

Trevor Williams, Gas Technician – City of Albany Performed:
Task 1651 – Perform Purging of Pipeline Facilities ; Qualified Through 8/12/2028
Task 0301– Opening and Closing Valves Manually ; Qualified Through 3/18/2028

Antwuan Cheeks, Gas Technician – City of Albany Performed:
Task 0591 – Perform Leak Test at Operating Pressure; Qualified Through 5/20/2028

Alec Pitts, Gas Foreman – City of Albany Performed:
Task 0801 – Perform Welding; Qualified Through 10/14/2026
Task 0811 – Perform Visual Inspection of Welding and Welds; Qualified Through 9/16/2028

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.

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BEFORE THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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Albany Water, Gas & Light Commission	)	**DOCKET NO. 37020**
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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 23rd day of April 2026:

Cathy Nesbitt

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