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CITY OF YORK GAS DEPARTMENT **Docket No. 33640**

ORDER

The Commission initiated an investigation proceeding into City of York Gas Department ("City of York") to consider non-compliance with all applicable Gas Pipeline Safety ("GPS") regulations enforced by the Alabama Public Service Commission ("APSC" or "Commission"). The Commission's December 2, 2025 Order set this matter for hearing. On December 12, 2025, the Office of the Attorney General intervened. A Show Cause Hearing was held on January 20, 2026, in which Respondent, City of York, the Office of the Attorney General and Commission staff participated.

At the start of the hearing, Mr. Jonathan Kimbril, Director of the Gas Pipeline Safety ("GPS") Division, first gave a summary of the GPS findings from its investigations:

1. §192.615(a) - Emergency Plans;
2. §190.208 – Response Options;
3. §192.625(a) – Odorization of Gas;
4. §192.465(b)(1) – External Corrosion Control: Rectifier Monitoring;
5. §192.747(a) – Valve Maintenance: Transmission and Distribution Valves;
6. §192.721(b)(1)–(2) – Distribution System Patrolling;
7. §192.481(a) – Atmospheric Corrosion Control;
8. §192.614(a) – Damage Prevention Program;
9. §192.616(a) and §192.616(d)(1)–(5) – Public Awareness and Liaison;
10. §192.1007(f) – Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP); and
11. System Records – Inactive Services.

After Mr. Kimbril gave his summary, it was turned over to the City of York. Mayor Renee Pringle was the City of York's witness. Mayor Pringle testified she was elected and took office in November 2025. Mayor Pringle testified she was not aware of the issues prior to taking office and that corrective actions had already been taken prior to the hearing and would be ongoing after the hearing. During the hearing, by and through its witness, the City of York

introduced a corrective action plan (Exhibit #1) which included a table of what had been done, target dates of completion, the status of items, etc. Mayor Pringle was subject to cross-examination by the Office of the Attorney General. Mayor Pringle also answered questions posed by Commission staff.

After the hearing a procedural ruling was issued allowing both the Repsondent and the Office of the Attorney General an opportunity to file briefs in the form of proposed orders. Both parties filed briefs. The Office of the Attorney General requested fines in the amount of $11,000, to be offset up to $6,000 in compliance costs. Respondent requested at the hearing and in its brief, no fines be issued.

The Legal Division has worked closely with the GPS Division since the hearing. GPS has provided numerous updates on the progress the City of York has made towards full compliance. As of the date of this Order, the City of York is in full compliance. The City of York has worked diligently with Commission staff, specifically, GPS staff, to become compliant. Therefore, the City of York is due to be dismissed and no additional fines/actions are warranted.

IT IS SO ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That jurisdiction in this cause is hereby retained for the issuance of any further order or orders as may appear to be just and reasonable in the premise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 4th day of November, 2026.

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