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Docket No. 37033

Calhoun Utility System
P. O. Box 248 120 North Louise Avenue
Calhoun, GA 30701

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # DJ23-032

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jimmy Palmer

On September 12, 2023, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered DJ23-032 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. 37033 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: DJ23-032

OPERATOR: Calhoun Utility System

INVESTIGATOR: Daphne Jones

INSPECTION DATE: September 12, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 8, 2024

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 operator qualification (OQ) program 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

On September 12-13, 2023, Commission Staff reported to the Calhoun Utility System in Calhoun, Ga to conduct an Operator Qualification (OQ) program inspection and a Protocol 9 inspection for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During the inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Brett Sane – Electrical Director
Matt Chaman – Mechanical Technician
Robert Pritchett - Mechanical Technician
Maurice Chaney – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection, the Calhoun Utility System had no previously existing probable violation.

During this Operator Qualification inspection, Staff utilized PHMSA Operator Qualification Plan Review Form 14 to review the Calhoun Utility System's OQ plan and records, which includes their process on ensuring contractors compliance.

NO 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 task(s) were qualified and adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluation, Staff observed the Operator's personnel perform two protocol 9 inspections in Calhoun, Ga. The Operator provided the individual qualifications for Matt Chaman and Robert Pritchett to perform covered tasks. Staff examined the individual records before observing the performance. Staff verified that qualification records for all individuals were current.

Matt Chaman, Mechanical Technician for the Calhoun Utility System, performed Task #0301 Manually Opening and Closing Valves, qualified on 6/10/2021 to 6/10/2024. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedure and was able to identify generic and task specific abnormal conditions and define the applicable actions.

Robert Pritchett, Mechanical Technician for the Calhoun Utility System, performed Task #0301 Manually Opening and Closing Valves, qualified on 11/4/2022 to 11/4/2023. Staff verified that the individual was able to perform the covered tasks according to the procedure 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**

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| **IN THE MATTER OF:** | ) | |
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| **No Violation Report** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 37033** |
| **Calhoun Utility System** | ) | |
| **Inspection DJ23-032 on September 12, 2023** | ) | |
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have caused to be served a copy of the foregoing, and a copy of same was served upon all parties and persons listed below via electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk I further certify that the *Calhoun Utility System* was served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

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Respectfully Submitted this 14th day of February 2024:

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