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Docket No. 37046

City of Donalsonville Gas System
P. O. Box 308
Donalsonville, GA 39845

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # DL23-023

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Jeffrey S. Hatcher

On August 2, 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 DL23-023 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. 37046 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: DL23-023

OPERATOR: City of Donalsonville Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: David Lewis

INSPECTION DATE: August 2, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 27, 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

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	AT23-005	1/19/2023

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On August 1, 2023, Staff reported to the City of Donalsonville Gas System to conduct an inspection of the Operator's operator qualification (OQ) program for compliance with the minimum federal standards in 49CFR §192, SubPart N.

During this inspection the Operator was represented by:
Burt Adams - Superintendent
Peter Shultz - Harp & Associates (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
David Lewis – Lead Inspector
Brant sweat – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Donalsonville Gas System had no previously existing probable violations; however, the Operator is negotiating a Consent Agreement with the Director for civil penalties which were proposed in Inspection Number LB20-009.

NO PROBABLE VIOLATIONS

During this Operator Qualification inspection, Staff utilized PHMSA Operator Qualification Plan Review form 14 to review the City of Donalsonville Gas Department's OQ plan and records, which includes their process for ensuring contractors compliance. Staff also utilized PHMSA form 15 for field Protocol 9 inspections.

During this inspection Staff conducted OQ Protocol 9 field verification inspection and PHMSA Form 14 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.

During the field evaluation Staff observed the Operators employee's perform:
Robert McMillian , Task #0301 Manually opening and closing valves , Qualified Thru 01-06-24
Kevin Davis , Task #1001 Coating Application and Repair Spray , Qualified Thru 10-24-25; Task #0141 Visual Inspection for Atmospheric Corrosion , Qualified Thru 08-05-25

Staff observed that the Operators personnel followed the task procedure and applicable manufactures written procedure.

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:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37046**
City of Donalsonville Gas System	)	
Inspection DL23-023 on August 2, 2023	)	
	)	

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 *City of Donalsonville Gas System was* served a hard copy of the above-stated document by U.S. Mail, certified/return receipt requested.

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of March 2024:

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