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Docket No. 37917

Smarr Energy Facility  
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Tucker, GA 30084-5336

REF: Comprehensive Inspection # RS23-023

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Attention: Mr. Jeff Swartz

On October 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 RS23-023 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. 37917 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: RS23-023

OPERATOR: Smarr Energy Facility

INVESTIGATOR: Brant Sweat

INSPECTION DATE: October 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 a comprehensive inspection of the Operators plans, programs, procedures, pipeline, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards in 49CFR Parts 191 and 192.

2. CONTINUING VIOLATIONS

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

Between September 9-20, 2023, Commission Staff requested and received plan, procedures, and records relevant to conduct a comprehensive inspection of the Operators plans, programs, procedures, pipeline, and pipeline facilities for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards in 49CFR Parts 191 and 192. Staff reported to the Oglethorpe Power Smarr facility on October 2-4, 2023, to conduct the inspection.

During the inspection, the Operator was represented by:

Donna Johnson – Principal Regulatory Specialist  
Jimmy Martin- O&M Supervisor  
Doell Jackson- O&M Supervisor  
Frank Henderson-CT Fleet Director  
Eddie Condor- Consultant

Commission Staff was represented by:

Brant Sweat - Lead Inspector  
Joe Jones - Pipeline Safety Inspector  
David Lewis - Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection, Oglethorpe Power (Smarr Energy) had no previously existing probable violation.

#### NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

During this inspection, Pipeline Safety Staff examined Oglethorpe Power's Smarr Energy operations utilizing GA – PHMSA Form 1 – Gas Transmission – Baseline Procedures, Records, and Field Observations to record the findings of the inspection.

Staff reviewed Smarr Energy's  
O&M Manual

Emergency Plan

MAOP Procedures and records

5-year Patrolling & Leakage records

5- year Regulator & Relief Insp.

5- year Work orders

5- year Corrosion Surveys

5- year Atmospheric Corrosion records

5- year Odorization Records

5- year O.Q. Procedures and records

5- year Valve maintenance and records

5-year Annual 7100 Reports

During this inspection Staff conducted OQ Protocol 9 field verification inspection using PHMSA Form 15 to ensure that covered tasks 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:

Jacob Whitehead

Task #0001 Measure Structure to Electrolyte Potential – Qualified Thru 7/29/24.

Task #1301 Install and Maintain Pipeline Markers – Qualified Thru 7/29/24

Task #1311 Inspect Pipeline Surface Conditions – Patrolling – Qualified Thru 7/29/24

Thomas Swan

Task #0001 Measure Structure to Electrolyte Potential – Qualified Thru 7/29/24.

Task #1301 Install and Maintain Pipeline Markers – Qualified Thru 7/29/24

Task #1311 Inspect Pipeline Surface Conditions – Patrolling – Qualified Thru 7/29/24

Task #0101 Inspect Rectifier and Readings – Qualified Thru 11/11/24

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:

No Violation Report  
Smarr Energy Facility

Inspection RS23-023 on October 2, 2023

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DOCKET NO. 37917

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 *Smarr Energy Facility* 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024:



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