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Docket No. 37097

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DOCUMENT# 218907

City of Vienna Gas System
P. O. Box 436
Vienna, GA 31092

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # JJ23-027

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Michael Bowens

On July 24, 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 JJ23-027 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. 37097 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: JJ23-027

OPERATOR: City of Vienna Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: July 24, 2023 REPORT MAILED DATE: May 30, 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

Cleared on 7/24/2023

Violation	Description	Inspection#	Date
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	DL19-049	11/6/2019

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

From July 24, through 25, 2023 Staff reported to City of Vienna 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:
Jeff Priest– Gas Superintendent
Andrew Johnson – Gas Tech
Peter Schultz – Harp & Associates (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Daphne Jones – Pipeline Safety Inspector
Dainel Clemons – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Vienna was under no previously existing probable violations. During Supervisor Review of this inspection it was found that the Operator entered into a Consent Agreement for the outstanding penalties in Inspection Number DJ15-018 on August 28, 2021; and had submitted a check as required by the Consent Agreement on May 3, 2022. The note of a Consent Agreement Pending was cleared in this inspection.

NO VIOLATIONS FOUND

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 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 qualified and adhering to the operator-approved procedures as written.

During the field evaluations, Staff observed Jeff Priest, Gas Superintendent Task #0301 Manually Opening and Closing Valves: qualification date, 9/21/2021, through 9/21/2024. Staff also observed Mr. Priest performed Task #0141 Visual Inspection for Atmospheric Corrosion: qualification date, 9/29/20202 through 9/28/2027. Staff observed also observed Andrew Johnson perform Task #0681 Joining of Plastic 0681(Stab Fittings): qualification date, 3/16/20203 through 3/15/2024. Staff observed Operator's personnel follow the task procedure and applicable manufacturer-written procedure and identify the AOC's.

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. 37097**
City of Vienna Gas System	)	
Inspection JJ23-027 on July 24, 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 Vienna Gas 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 _____ day of June 2024:

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