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Docket No. 37932



Oglethorpe Power Corporation  
2100 East Exchange Place  
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REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # JJ23-039

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Attention: Mr. James Swartz

On October 4, 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 JJ23-039 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. 37932 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 L. Thebert  
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety/Facilities Protection

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### **REPORT OF NATURAL GAS SAFETY**

**INSPECTION NO:** JJ23-039

**OPERATOR:** Oglethorpe Power Corporation

**INVESTIGATOR:** Joe Jones

**INSPECTION DATE:** October 4, 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

## 4. NEW VIOLATIONS

## 5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

October 4, 2023, Staff reported to Oglethorpe Power (Tolbert) 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:

Doell Jackson – O&M Supervisor  
Donna Johnson – Principal Regulatory Specialist  
Eddie Condor – Consultant

Commission Staff was represented by:

Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector  
David Lewis – Pipeline Safety Inspector  
Brant Sweat – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the Oglethorpe Power (Tolbert) was under no previously existing probable violation(s).

### 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 Thomas Swan, Gas Maintenance Tech, perform Task #0001: Measure Structure to Electrolyte Potential - Qualified on 7/29/2021 and on expires 7/29/2024, Task #1301 Install and Maintain Pipeline Markers – Qualified on 7/29/21 and expires on 7/29/2024, Task #1311 Inspect Pipeline Surface Conditions – Patrolling – Qualified on 7/29/21 and expires 7/29/204 and Task #0101 Inspect Rectifier and Readings – Qualified on 11/11/21 and expires on 11/11/24. Staff observed Operators personnel follow the task procedure and applicable manufactures written procedure and identify the AOC's.

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:** )  
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**No Violation Report** ) **DOCKET NO. 37932**  
**Oglethorpe Power Corporation** )  
**Inspection JJ23-039 on October 4, 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 *Oglethorpe Power Corporation* 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2024:



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