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Docket No. 37023

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DOCUMENT# 218913

City of Ashburn Gas Department
P. O. Box 766
Ashburn, GA 31714

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # JJ23-034

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Ms. Sandra Lumpkin

On August 30, 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 JJ23-034 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. 37023 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: JJ23-034

OPERATOR: City of Ashburn Gas Department

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: August 30, 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

August 30, through 31, 2023 Staff reported to City of Ashburn 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:
Adam Lavander– Gas Superintendent
Sam Yarley – Municipal Gas Authority of GA (Consultant)

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

At the time of this inspection the City of Ashburn had 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 Brian Heath, Gas Distribution Tech, perform Task #0681: Joining of Plastic Pipe-Stab Fittings, qualified on 4/28/2023 and expires 4/28/2024. MR. Heath also performed Task #1291: Locate Underground Pipelines, qualified on 11/4/2022 and expires on 11/4/2023.

Staff also observed Terrance Martin perform Task #1141: Squeeze Off Plastic Pipe, qualified on 8/4/2023 and expires 8/4/2026. Staff observed Operator's personnel follow the task procedure and applicable manufacturer-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:	)	
	)	
No Violation Report	)	**DOCKET NO. 37023**
City of Ashburn Gas Department	)	
Inspection JJ23-034 on August 30, 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 *Ashburn Gas Department* 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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*The Honorable Sandra Lumpkin, Mayor
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Respectfully Submitted this _____ day of June 2024:

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