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City of Commerce Gas System
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Commerce, GA 30529

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # JJ24-029

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Matthew Hailey

On June 17, 2024, a representative of the Georgia Public Service Commission Pipeline/Facilities Safety Office conducted an inspection of your gas system. The enclosed inspection report numbered JJ24-029 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. 37038 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: JJ24-029

OPERATOR: City of Commerce Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: June 17, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: September 17, 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
Under Consent Agreement	Operator is under a Consent Agreement.	DJ23-003	1/25/2023
Consent Agreement Pending	Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director	JS24-018	5/21/2024

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On June 18th, 2024, Commission Staff reported to the City of Commerce to conduct an Operator Qualification (OQ) program inspection and a Protocol 9 inspection for compliance with the minimum federal safety standards.

During the inspection, the Operator was represented by:
Lonnie Robison – Deputy City Manager
Drew Hart - Gas Superintendent
Bruce Bagnasco – MGAG/SRCS (Consultant)

Commission Staff was represented by:
Joseph Jones – Lead Inspector
Brant Sweat – Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Commerce was under one (1) previously existing probable violation. The City of Commerce is under a consent agreement and will be having a meeting with the Facility Protection Supervisor.

During this Operator Qualification inspection, Staff utilized PHMSA Operator Qualification Plan Review Form 14 to review the City of Commerce Gas Department's OQ plan and records, which includes their process on ensuring contractors compliance.

NO PROBABLE VIOLATIONS

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

During this inspection, Staff conducted three Operator Qualification Protocol 9 field verification inspections 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.

Sammy Bachman, Gas Tech, performed:
- Task #0101: "Inspect Rectifier and Obtain Readings" Task #0101, Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 10/04/2027.
- Task #1211: "Odorization- Periodic Sampling" Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 03/03/2025.

Richard Elrod, Senior Gas Tech, Performed:
- Task #0681: "Joining of Plastic Pipe – Stab Fittings" , Tasks performed correctly / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 08/03/2024.

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:	)	
	)	
Operator Qualification Inspection	)	**DOCKET NO. 37038**
City of Commerce Gas System	)	
Inspection JJ24-029 on June 17, 2024	)	
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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 *City of Commerce 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 24th day of September 2024:

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