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Docket No. 37037

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City of Colquitt Gas System
154 West Street
Colquitt, GA 39837

REF: Operator Qualification Inspection # JJ24-045

☐ Certified Mail ☐ Regular Mail ☒ Email

Attention: Mr. Cory Thomas

On August 14, 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 JJ24-045 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. 37037 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: JJ24-045

OPERATOR: City of Colquitt Gas System

INVESTIGATOR: Joe Jones

INSPECTION DATE: August 14, 2024 REPORT MAILED DATE: February 26, 2025

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 |
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| Consent Agreement Pending | Operator is negotiating Consent Agreement with the FPU Director | JJ24-042 | 8/8/2024 |

3. CLEARED VIOLATIONS

4. NEW VIOLATIONS

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS

On August 15, 2024, Commission Staff reported to the City of Colquitt 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:
Emanuel Haire – Gas Superintendent
Sam Yarley – SRCS Consultant

Commission Staff was represented by:
Joe Jones – Lead Inspector
Chuck Smith – Pipeline Safety Inspector

At the time of this inspection the City of Colquitt's Gas System was under one (1) previously existing probable violation. This violation will be addressed under follow-up inspection number JJ24-042.

NO PROBABLE VIOLATIONS

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

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.

Linsey Grant / Gas Technician, performed:
Isolated, Abandoned and Deactivating pipeline facilities Task #1701 / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 9/6/2025/

Charles Wallce / Gas Technician, performed:
Inside Gas Leak Investigation - Task #1231 / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 11/6/2026
Outside Gas Leak Investigation - Task #1241 / Qualification verified as current Qualifications good through 11/6/2026

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**

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| **IN THE MATTER OF:** | ) | |
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| **City of Colquitt Gas System** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 37037** |
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the within and foregoing document on the following persons via email and/or United States Mail as follows:

*Sallie Tanner, Executive Secretary
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Respectfully Submitted this 5th day of March 2025:

*Cathy Nesbitt*

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