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Gas Supply Officer: V.P. - Gas Services & Operations

SUBJECT:

GAS SUPPLY GAS FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

OBJECTIVE

To establish the overall requirements and responsibilities related to the inspections, operation, and maintenance of gas facilities owned by Gas Supply.

SCOPE

This Gas Supply Standard covers the requirements and responsibilities for inspections, operation, maintenance, and documentation of gas facilities.

RESCISSION

This Standard along with GS Standard 4431, "Operation and Maintenance Instructions Requirements for Major Gas Facilities", replaces GS Interim Standard IS 464-1, "Major Control Facilities, Inspections, Operations and Maintenance".

ORIGINATOR

GS Standard Technical Committee 21 on Station Equipment

BUSINESS RISKS

Improper inspection, operation, and maintenance of any Gas Supply gas facility could jeopardize the safe and efficient operation of that facility or result in non-compliance with Federal or State regulations. Non-compliance with applicable Federal and State regulations may subject PG&E to fines and negative publicity.

DEFINITIONS

Facilities Owned By Gas Supply: Facilities that have a maximum operating pressure greater than 60 psig and most facilities that supply other gas utilities, regardless of delivery pressure. All stations that regulate to 60 psig or less and the regulation and metering facilities directly feeding CES customers, regardless of delivery pressure, are owned by CES. Based on present Memorandums Of Understanding (MOUs) between CES and GS, there are certain facilities which supply other gas utilities that are owned by CES.

Major Gas Facilities: Facilities that modulate gas pressure and flow, or process the gas, within the Transmission System. These facilities may be unmanned, manned part or full-time, or remotely operated. Facilities shall include:

- System control points, such as Terminals and Gas Load Centers.
- Compressor stations.
- Pipeline pressure limiting stations.

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- Gas processing facilities.
- Line rupture control valves (LRCVs).
- Gas metering and regulating facilities serving PG&E electric generating plants.
- Underground gas storage field facilities.
- Other facilities handling large volumes of gas and containing one or more of the following equipment: controller-operated equipment, 10-inch or larger control valves, or ultrasonic metering.

REQUIREMENTS

All gas facilities shall be inspected, operated, and maintained in accordance with the requirements of CPUC General Order 112 (latest version) and/or any applicable Corporate or Gas Supply Standard, Interim Standard or Recommended Practice. The equipment to be inspected and maintained shall include, but not be limited to, regulators, monitor regulators, relief valves, block valves, emergency valves, SCADA, dehydrators, separators, compressors, and filters.

All major gas facilities shall have Operation & Maintenance Instructions (O&MI), in compliance with GS Standard S-4431, prior to being placed in operation.

For stations not considered major gas facilities, inspection, operation, and maintenance shall comply with CES Standard C-T&CS-S0351, "District Regulator Station Maintenance".

The record of completed maintenance of station equipment shall be recorded and kept in accordance with CES Standard C-T&CS-S0351, "District Regulator Station Maintenance", or the station's O&MI.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Manager of the Gas System Maintenance Department shall distribute the necessary information on the inspections, operation, and maintenance of all facilities owned by Gas Supply.

The GSM Superintendents are responsible for performing the inspections, operation, and maintenance of the facilities owned by Gas Supply located within their assigned geographic area.

The GSM Superintendents may, with agreement of CES, through MOUs, delegate the inspections, maintenance, and operations of some facilities to CES.

REFERENCES

CES Standard C-T&CS-S0351, "District Regulator Station Maintenance"

GS Standard S-4431, "Operation & Maintenance Instruction Requirements"

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CPUC General Order 112-E, "Rules Governing Design, Construction, Testing, Maintenance and Operation of Utility Gas Gathering, Transmission and Distribution Piping"

ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD

The Manager of Gas System Maintenance shall ensure compliance with this Standard.

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