July 7, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: jimmy.staton@santeecooper.com

Mr. Jimmy Staton
President and Chief Executive Officer
Santee Cooper
One Riverwood Drive
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461

Re: CPF No. 2-2022-006-NOPV

Dear Mr. Staton:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and finds that the proposed actions to comply with the pipeline safety regulations have been completed. This case is now closed. Service of the Final Order by e-mail is effective upon the date of transmission and acknowledgement of receipt as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Mr. James Urisko, Director, Southern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
    Mr. Keith Smith, Station Manager, Rainey Generating Station, Santee Cooper,
    keith.smith@santeecooper.com
    Mr. Emory Connelly, Principal Engineer, Santee Cooper, ejconnel@santeecooper.com

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED
In the Matter of

Santee Cooper, a/k/a South Carolina Public Service Authority,

Respondent.

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CPF No. 2-2022-006-NOPV

FINAL ORDER

On February 10, 2022, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Southern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Santee Cooper (Respondent), also known as the South Carolina Public Service Authority.1 The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated the pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 192 and proposed certain measures to correct the violation. Respondent did not contest the allegation of violation or corrective measures.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to § 190.213, I find Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulation listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice, which is incorporated by reference:

49 C.F.R. § 192.615(b)(2) (Item 2) — Respondent failed to train the appropriate personnel to assure that they are knowledgeable of the emergency procedures and verify that the training is effective.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

Compliance Actions

The Director has indicated that Respondent completed the actions proposed in the Notice to correct the violations. Therefore, it is not necessary to include the proposed compliance terms in this Final Order.

Warning Item

With respect to Item 1, the Notice alleged probable violations of 49 C.F.R. § 192.605(b)(5), but did not propose a civil penalty or compliance order for this item. Therefore, this is considered to be a warning item. If OPS finds a violation of this provision in a subsequent inspection, Respondent may be subject to future enforcement action.

The terms and conditions of this order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

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Alan K. Mayberry                      Date Issued
Associate Administrator               
for Pipeline Safety