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Richard Gonzalez
Chief Operating Officer
Gill Ranch Storage, LLC
16300 Avenue 3
Madera, CA 93637

Subject: SED's Closure Letter for General Order (G.O.) 112-F Inspection of Gill Ranch Storage's Operation and Maintenance activities records.

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission reviewed Gill Ranch Storages' (GRS) response letter dated August 16, 2023. The letter addressed the findings identified during the General Order (GO) 112-F inspection of GRS' compressor station facilities that was conducted on April 24 to 28, 2023.

Attached below is a summary of the inspection findings documented by SED, GRS' response to the findings, and SED's evaluation of GRS' response to the identified concern.

This letter serves as the official closure of the 2023 GO 112-F comprehensive operation and maintenance activities records Inspection of GRS' compressor station facilities.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicholas Peno at (916) 214-4269 or by email at Nicholas.Peno@cpuc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthewson Epuna".

Matthewson Epuna
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Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings

Dates of Inspection: 4/24/2023 – 4/28/2023

Operator: GILL RANCH STORAGE LLC

Operator ID: 32549 (primary)

Inspection Systems: Gill Ranch Storage

Assets (Unit IDs): Gill Ranch Storage (86919)

System Type: GT

Inspection Name: 2023 Gill Ranch Storage Standard Inspection

Lead Inspector: Nicholas Peno

Operator Representative: Timothy Morgan

Summary of Inspection Findings: 2023 Gill Ranch Storage Standard Inspection April 24 –28, 2023

Design & Construction: Design of Compressor Stations (DC.DPCCMP)

Question Title, ID	Compressor Stations Liquid Removal, DC.DPCCMP.CMPLIQPROT.O
Question	6. Do field observations confirm that compressors are protected from liquids and, as applicable, liquid separators for compressors installed in accordance with 192.165?
References	192.165 (192.143)
Assets Covered	Gill Ranch Storage (86919 (38))
Issue Summary	Concern - SED observed liquid separators leaking in multiple locations within the facilities, due to improperly tightened fittings. GRS had placed liquid collection pads under the components.

Response

To Gill Ranch’s knowledge, the “leaks” described in the Issue Summary were observed in the GRS compressor building at the GRS compressor facility. To clarify, these “leaks” were not observed on/near liquid separators, they were observed on/near compressor engine components. Sorbent pads were placed underneath certain fittings on the compressor engines as a preventive

and mitigative measure to ensure that any potential leaks were captured and could be properly disposed of. GRS would like to note that there were no active leaks observed during the inspection and that the sorbent pads were clean of any liquids.

SED's Conclusion

SED has reviewed Gill Ranch Storages' response and accepts the response and description of the mitigation utilized. SED may verify the completion of corrective actions in the field during future inspections.