

Ref. No. Dockets PL-031149 and PG-031150

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Dear Mr. LaRue,

Subject: 2003 Hazardous Liquid and Natural Gas Standard Inspections

This letter is to inform you that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has received your response to our November 3, 2003 letters regarding the anhydrous ammonia and natural gas pipeline inspections conducted at your facility on August 13th and 14th, 2003. We determined that your response addresses the concerns identified in our letter.

You have submitted the following changes to your operations manuals.

- Reference to ASME B31G for modifying MAOP due to general and localized corrosion.
- A leak detection procedure was developed.
- Backfill and bedding requirements were developed.
- A requirement to remediate corrosion deficiencies within 90 days was developed.
- A requirement to notify the Commission within 24 hours of specified emergency situations was added.
- A description of emergency management training was included.
- Earthquake response procedures were developed.

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We will therefore close dockets PL-031149 for the anhydrous ammonia pipelines and docket PG-031150 for the gas pipeline.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to these matters. Feel free to contact Joe Subsits at (360) 664-1322 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Pipeline Safety Director