

April 1, 2003

Charlie Reali  
Evergreen Aluminum, LLC.  
5701 North West Lower River Road  
Vancouver, Washington 98666

Dear Mr. Reali:

**Subject: 2003 Intrastate Transmission Standard Inspection**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has the authority to enforce the minimum safety regulations per Chapter 480-93 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) pertaining to the construction, maintenance and operation of pipelines transporting natural gas in the state of Washington. In addition the Commission adopts the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49 Part 191 and 192.

In 2002 Vanalco, Inc. (Vanalco) was sold and the name changed to Evergreen Aluminum LLC (Evergreen). Northwest Metal Fab and Pipe Inc. (NW Fab) is now the operator of Evergreen pipeline.

On February 28, 2003, Commission staff met with Mssrs. Paul Gablehouse and Larry McLellan from Evergreen and Mr. Larry Williams from NW Fab. Staff verified that Evergreen's 6-inch natural gas intrastate transmission pipeline was not transporting natural gas and that the pipeline system is charged with nitrogen gas. Staff witnessed testing of the pipeline pressure and several pipe-to-soil readings.

Evergreen's representatives agree that all Vanalco's stipulations apply to Evergreen. The stipulations, as noted in the 2002 standard inspection (Docket number UG-020229), stated that "before operations of the 6-inch natural gas intrastate transmission pipeline

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resumes, it is imperative that the pipeline is in full compliance before the start up of the pipeline” with Title 49, parts 191, 192 and WAC 480-93.

For your review, I have enclosed a blank copy of the current inspection form used for standard transmission pipeline inspections. This form, or a revised version, will be used during the inspection conducted prior to the Evergreen pipeline start up. The Evergreen Operator Qualification Plan will be reviewed separately.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Johnson, Pipeline Safety Engineer, at (360) 664-1266.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steve King  
Acting Pipeline Safety Director

cc. Larry E. Williams, NW Metal Fab and Pipe

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