

October 6, 2003

Michael S. McCoy
Executive Vice President
Northwest Natural Gas Company
220 Northwest Second Avenue
One Pacific Square
Portland, Oregon 97209

Dear Mr. McCoy:

Subject: 2003 Standard Natural Gas 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.

On September 15 - 18, 2003, Commission Pipeline Safety staff (Staff) conducted a pipeline safety inspection of the Northwest Natural Gas Company's (NWN) natural gas facilities and operations located within Clark County, and the Columbia Gorge districts. Staff found no violations of state or federal pipeline safety regulations during the inspection process.

Staff would like to thank all NWN personnel who participated in this inspection for the professionalism they demonstrated in working with Commission Staff.

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If you have any questions or if Staff may be of further assistance, please contact David Lykken, Pipeline Safety Engineer, at (360) 664-1219.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Rathbun
Pipeline Safety Director

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