

**POST INSPECTION MEMORANDUM**Inspector: Joe Subits/UTCReviewed: David Lykken/UTCReviewed: Tom Finch 09/14/2009Follow-Up Enforcement: No ViolationsDirector Approval\* OT 9/16/09

Date: August 24, 2009

**Operator Inspected:**Williams Gas Pipeline - West  
295 Chipeta Way  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

OPID: 13845

Region: Western

**Unit Address:**Williams Gas Pipeline - West  
4738 Jones Road  
Sumas, WA 98295**Unit Inspected:** Sumas District**Unit ID:** 8355**Unit Type:** Interstate Gas Transmission**Inspection Type:** Standard.**Record Location:** Sumas**Inspection Dates:** August 10-14, 2009**AFOD:** 5**SMART Activity Number:** 123887**Operator Contact:** Lauri Duncombe**Phone:** (801) 584-6785 **Fax:** (801) 584-6735 **Emergency:**

**Unit Description:** The Williams Sumas District receives natural gas from West Coast Energy at the Canadian border. The gas pressure is increased at the Sumas compressor station then transported south by two parallel 30" and 36" pipelines. The Sumas District extends south to State Route 92 south of Marysville at MP 1411. Most of the lines are in class 1 or 2 locations except for class 3 locations at Arlington, Demming and Stanwood. There are two compressor stations, one at Sumas and the other at Mt. Vernon. The MAOP of the pipeline system is 960 psig.

**Facilities Inspected:**

Both Compressor Stations were inspected. The Compressor Stations are at Sumas and Mt Vernon. Both laterals were inspected. These are the Bellingham and Stanwood laterals. Several

meter stations and valves were inspected. The Cathodic protection system was also inspected. The three slide areas were visited, these are the Everson, Demming and Arlington slide areas. The Skagit River Span was also visited.

**Persons Interviewed:**

Paul Fincher	District Manager
Randy Tarter	Assistant District Manager
Lauri Duncombe	Pipeline Safety Engineer
Les Edwards	Integrity Team Lead
Jeff Pollack	Senior Integrity Specialist
Brian Hill	Pipeline Technician
Kevin Henson	Pipeline Technician
Kim Nelson	Pipeline Technician

**Probable Violations/Concerns:**

There were no violations or items of concern found during the inspection.

**Follow up on the history of prior offenses that are still open:**

Prior Offenses (for the past 5 years)		
CPF #	What type of open enforcement action(s)?	Status of the regulations(s) violated (Reoccurrence Offenses, Implement a NOA Revision, Completion of PCO or CO, and etc...)

**Recommendations:**

Continue to set inspection frequency at the regular interval.

**Comments:**

No violations or items of concern were found during the inspection.

The Sumas system was depolarized to establish native readings. Most native readings were consistent with the previous native readings. Low native readings were noted at rocky locations near heartbreak hill. The 100mV criteria was met at this location.

Two new class three locations were established near Stanwood and Demming.