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Submitted via email to Marina Woodard at mwwdard@utc.wa.gov

September 26, 2014

Mr. David Lykken
Pipeline Safety Director
Washington Utility and Transportation Commission
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SEP 292014

State of Washington UTC Pipeline Safety Program

Re: Rescind of Waiver Regarding Formerly Unodorized HP Line in Colfax, WA (UG-950940)

Dear Mr. Lykken:

The unodorized pipeline that is the subject of a waiver (UG-950940) has been abandoned and replaced with an odorized, intermediate pressure 6" PE pipeline as of 5/1/14.

As a result of said pipeline abandonment and replacement, Avista formally requests the subject waiver to be rescinded effective immediately

Sincerely,

Michael . Faulkenberry, PE

Director, Natural Gas

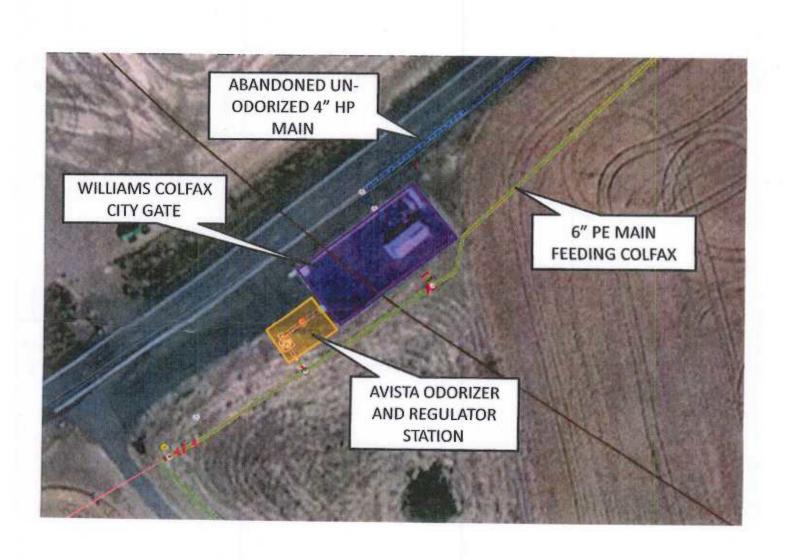
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Enclosures

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Joe Subsits, Washington UTC Jim Fernald, Washington UTC

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Washington Water Power

April 15, 1996

Mr. Steve McLellan, Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

ATTN: Tim A. Bell

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of WAC 480-93-015

Tim:

As I indicated to you in my March 18, 1996 reply regarding "Southern Area Audit UG-950940", WWP wishes to pursue a waiver agreement from the WUTC to operate 1834 feet of 4" steel distribution feeder pipeline from Northwest Pipeline Colfax Border Station to WWP's Colfax City Gate Station (see attached drawing). This short section of main is in a Class 1 location and has an MAOP of 125 psig.

This pipeline has been free of leaks and cathodic problems. WWP currently performs annual leak surveys and annual patrols on this section of main and bi-monthly cathodic reads at a rectifier station at Airport Boulevard and Almota Road within view of the main. Therefore, a WWP service representative visits the site at least six times per year.

It will be our intent to continue maintaining the line in a similar manner should the waiver be granted.

Due to the remote location of this short section of pipeline and frequent visits by WWP service representatives, it is WWP's opinion that a waiver of WAC 480-93-015 will not create adverse safety concerns to the public. If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (509) 482-8499.

Respectfully yours,

Mike Faulkenberry Senior Gas Engineer

Attachment



STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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May 8, 1996

Mr. Mike Faulkenberry Washington Water Power Company PO Box 3727 Spokane, Washington 99220

Subject: Southern Area Audit UG-950940

Dear Mr. Faulkenberry:

Thank you for your letter dated March 18, 1996. Staff accepts Washington Water Power's (WWP) intent to comply. A new docket has been opened for the petition of a waiver for the odorization requirements of the Colfax high pressure feeder main. Staff will notify WWP of the status of the petition as the waiver is sought.

If you have any questions please direct all questions to Tim A. Bell, Gas Safety Section, 360-586-1115.

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Thank you for your time and interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Steve McLellan

Secretary

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request by		
THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY)	DOCKET	UG-960616
for a Waiver to Operate the Colfax)		00 300010
Distribution Feeder Main Without)	ORDER GRANTING	
Odorization [WAC 480-93-015, CFR 49)	WAIVER	
Part 192.625(a)]		
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On April 15, 1996, The Washington Water Power Company (WWP), a Washington Corporation, filed a request for a waiver of WAC 480-93-015 and CFR Title 49 Part 192.625(a), Odorization of Gas, to operate the Colfax high pressure distribution feeder main without odorization. This section of pipeline from the Northwest Pipeline Colfax Border Station to WWP=s Colfax City Gate Station consists of 1834 feet.

FINDING OF FACT

- 1. WWP, has successfully operated the Colfax distribution feeder main without odorization since its installation in 1959 with no adverse affects to public safety.
- 2. The Colfax distribution feeder main has been free of leaks and cathodic protection problems throughout its operating history.
- 3. The Colfax distribution feeder main is located in a rural class 1 location area.

ORDER

- 1. WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the request by The Washington Water Power Company for a waiver of the requirements of WAC 480-93-015 and CFR 49 Part 192.625(a) be granted for the section of distribution pipeline running from the Northwest Pipeline Colfax Border Station to WWP=s Colfax City Gate Station which comprises 1834 feet.
- 2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That if the class location for the pipeline should change that the waiver shall cease to be in effect.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That jurisdiction over this Docket is retained to effectuate the provisions of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 25th day of September, 1996 and effective December 5, 1996.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Steve McLELLAN, Secretary