

March 15, 2004

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: *WUTC v. Olympic Pipeline Company*
Docket No. TO-011472

Dear Ms. Washburn:

On February 19, 2004, Olympic Pipe Line Company (Olympic) filed a petition asking for an Order modifying (i.e., eliminating) certain reporting requirements imposed on Olympic by the Commission's Twentieth Supplemental Order in this docket: TO-011472.

The reporting requirements related to the status and level of pressure restrictions imposed on Olympic by the Office of Pipeline Safety, the pipeline's average achieved monthly maximum operating pressure, monthly throughput levels, the operational status of Olympic's Bayview Terminal, and any changes in Olympic's equity ratio.

In Paragraph 17 of the petition, Olympic agrees that nothing in the petition is intended to limit the Commission's right to require Olympic to provide reports to the Commission, to inspect Olympic's accounts, books, documents, or to request that such information be provided for inspection.

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Olympic states the information required to be reported is now either available by other means, is duplicative, or is supplanted by stipulations (i.e., capital structure) under the terms of a Settlement Agreement between Olympic and the Intervenors (Tesoro and ConocoPhillips) requiring at least annual rate filings with detailed backup information supplied to all parties. (The Settlement Agreement was approved by the Commission on December 23, 2004, in Docket No. TO-031973).

Staff agrees with Olympic, and therefore agrees the petition can be granted. Staff has contacted both Intervenors in this docket and neither had an objection to the relief sought by the petition. Staff therefore recommends that the petition asking to modify the reporting called for in Olympic's petition in Docket No. TO-011472 be granted. Staff requests that the Commission's order granting the petition recite the language in Paragraph 17 of the petition.

Very truly yours,

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cc: All Parties
Robert Wallis, ALJ