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Mr. Steve McLellan  
Secretary  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
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Dear Mr. McLellan:

We have considered your letter of November 15, 1996, notifying us the Commission granted the City of Enumclaw a waiver from compliance with the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) requirements of 49 CFR 192.619(a). The waiver permits the city to set the MAOP of its high pressure distribution main at 250 psig and its intermediate pressure distribution system at 40 psig.

The waiver was necessitated by the absence of historical testing and operating pressure records to corroborate MAOPs for pipe installed before 1978. In view of the Commission's determination that the waiver is not detrimental to public safety and of the difficulties of bringing the pipe into compliance, we have no objection to the waiver.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety