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Associate Administrator Office of Pipeline Safety
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Dear Mr. Weise:

**RE: Waiver by Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission of 49 C.F.R.
§ 193.2167**

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118(d), attached please find for your review a copy of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) April 28, 2016 Order Granting Exemption Subject to Conditions. This Order is the result of a proceeding initiated at the request of Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for a waiver of 49 C.F.R. § 193.2167 which prohibits covered impounding systems for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

PSE is proposing to build a LNG facility at the Port of Tacoma in Washington. This facility will be used to supply fuel to TOTE Maritime Alaska and to provide peak shaving during high demand periods. The UTC conducted a thorough review of PSE's proposal and subject to conditions, this proposal will provide a higher level of safety than the alternatives considered by PSE. Therefore, the UTC finds the waiver request, plus the additional conditions outlined in its Order, would provide a higher level of safety than allowed by the current code.

Attached you will find a copy of the Order signed by the Commissioners, memo from UTC staff supporting the exemption and PSE's request for a waiver.

Please contact Alan Rathbun, Pipeline Safety Director, at (360) 664-1219 or arathbun@utc.wa.gov if you have any questions.

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All documents related to this waiver request are available on the UTC website under Docket PG-
[151949](#).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary

Enclosure