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Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
Attn: Ms. Carol J. Washburn, Secretary
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RE: Written Comments of Williams Gas Pipeline - West
Pipeline Safety Fee Methodology Rulemaking – Docket No. UG-010522

Dear Commission:

Williams Gas Pipeline – West (“Williams”), whose interstate natural gas pipeline Northwest Pipeline Corporation runs through the state of Washington, appreciates the opportunity to file written comments in this docket. Williams believes that any fee methodology to fund the pipeline safety program as required by Substitute Senate Bill 5182 (“SSB5182”) must, as stated by the bill, “provide for an equitable distribution of program costs among all entities subject to the fee.” Any fee imposed also must be directly related to the expenses incurred by the pipeline safety program.

Williams has checked the website referenced in the April 26, 2001 Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments and has seen no posted comments. Consequently, Williams has not been able to provide complete comments by the date specified by the Notice. Williams looks forward to reviewing any written comments filed in the future in this docket.

Furthermore, Williams requests that the following people be placed on the appropriate service list for this docket:

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Williams looks forward to participating fully in this docket.

Sincerely,

/s/

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