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April 10, 2014

Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Dr. SW
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Buchanan Farms*

Commission Staff's Response to Request a hearing for Penalties Docket PL-140180

Dear Mr. King:

On March 4, 2014, the Utilities and Transportation Commission issued a \$5,000 Penalty Assessment in Docket PL-140180 against Buchanan Farms for violations of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.122.030, failure to call for a dig ticket prior to excavation.

On March 17, 2014, Randy Buchanan of Buchanan Farms requested a hearing by an administrative law judge. Randy Buchanan believes that Tesoro Pipeline Company misrepresented information that affects Randy's culpability.

On April 2, 2014, the Commission denied Mr. Buchanan's request for hearing because he did not provide a basis for his request. The Commission stated that they would consider Mr. Buchanan's request for further mitigation, provided that a written statement of reasons in support of the request be submitted by 5:00 pm on April 9, 2014. A response letter and request was submitted on April 9, 2014, by the Law Office of William D. McCool on Randy Buchanan's behalf.

Staff recommends that the Commission grant Buchanan Farms' request for a hearing.

Sincerely,


David Lykken
Pipeline Safety Director