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Gregory J Kopta
Director, Administrative Law Division
State of Washington
Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: client, Randy W. Buchanan and Buchanan Farms
Hearing on alleged violations of RCW 19.122.03

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STATE OF WASH
UTIL. AND TRANSP
COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Kopta:

We will keep this communication rather brief. We note that you received a letter from David Lykken, Pipeline Safety Director, recommending that the Commission grant Buchanan Farms' request for a hearing.

Mr. Buchanan believes that the reason for a hearing is to correct a number of misstatements that have been made by representatives of Tesoro as well as an investigator for the Utilities and Transportation Commission. Mr. Buchanan used due diligence in trenching on his own property to provide an irrigation line. At no time did Mr. Buchanan come anywhere near striking any utility of any sort. Moreover, representatives of Tesoro *never* made any direct contact with Mr. Buchanan regarding any alleged digging on or before October 21, 2013. Instead, they made contact with Mr. Buchanan's part-time employee who speaks only broken English [Spanglish] and was unable to accurately convey any concerns Tesoro may have had -- other than that Tesoro representatives were yelling at him.

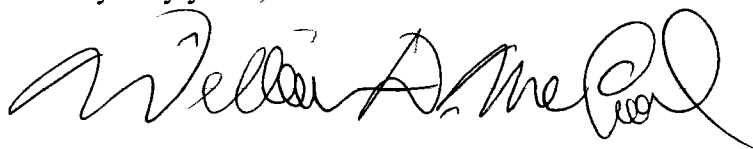
Mr. Buchanan completely disagrees with the indications regarding dates of contact any Tesoro representative may have had with Mr. Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan does completely agree with Mr. Lykken's recommendation that Buchanan Farms receive a hearing to ensure his due process rights. He is requesting that you make contact with this office before selecting a date so that I am able to make certain of his and my availability for the hearing.

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We will be awaiting your response.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William D. McCool". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a distinct "D" and "M" in the middle.

William D. McCool

WDM: bm

cc: Buchanan Farms

Randy W. Buchanan

David Mann, Attorney at Law

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